

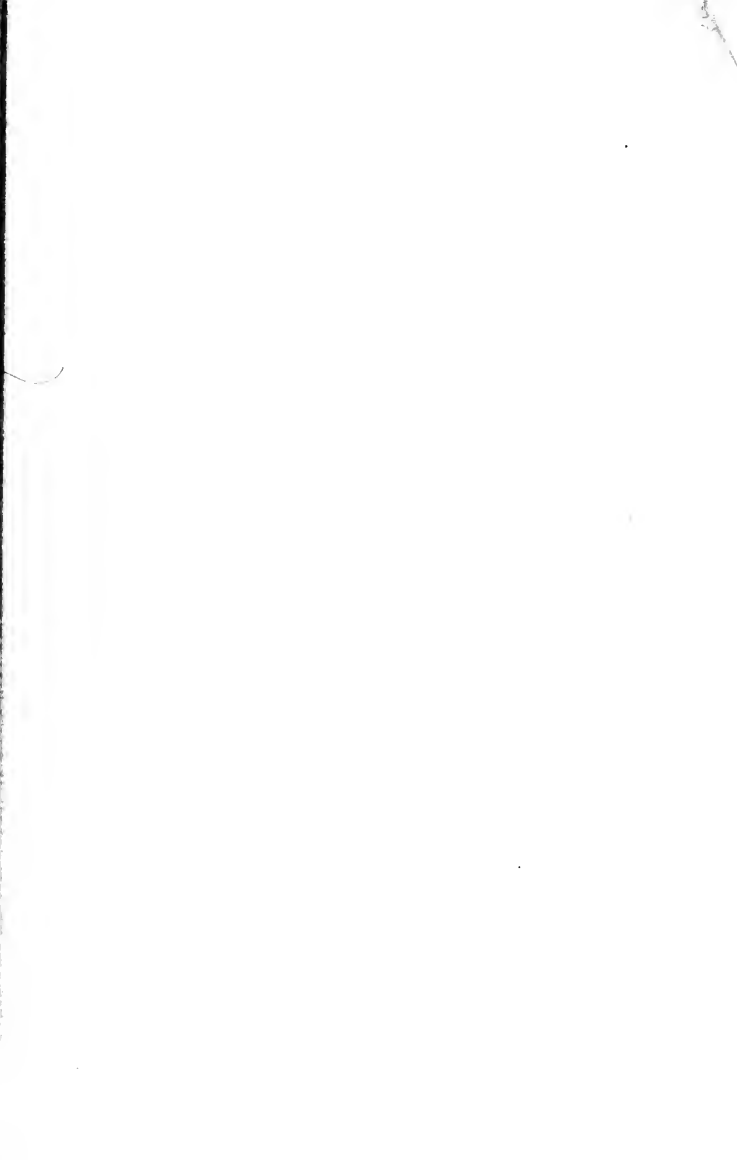


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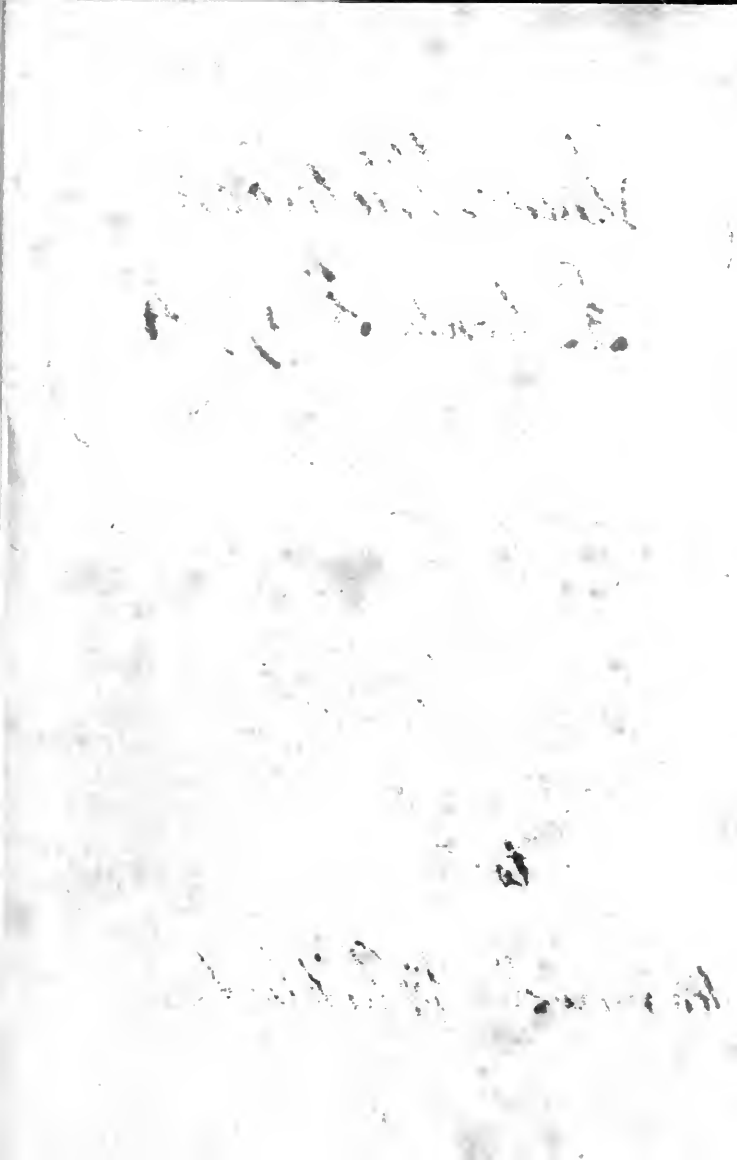




Isaac Whitlock
3rd Month 3. 1774

to

Hannah Whitlock



PIETY PROMOTED,

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BRIEF MEMORIALS

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S E R V I C E S,

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D Y I N G S A Y I N G S,

Of several of the

P E O P L E called Q U A K E R S.

T H E E I G H T H P A R T.

By T H O M A S W A G S T A F F E.

Light is sown for the Righteous, and Gladness for the
Upright in Heart, Psal. xcvi. 11.

The Righteous hath Hope in his Death, Prov. xiv. 32.

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THE Memorials of the Persons; mentioned in this Work, were extracted from Testimonies concerning them, or other authentic Accounts, and are collected, as those in the seven preceding Volumes were, with a View to the Promotion of Piety and Virtue; that by having the Footsteps of those before them, who have finished their Course well, others might be excited and encouraged to follow them as they followed Christ.

The P R E F A C E.

It is in my Heart more particularly to address the rising Youth, with Desires that they may be raised up and qualified to fill the Places of those who are gone from Works to Rewards; that the Testimony given us to bear may be faithfully maintained, the Borders of Sion enlarged, and the glorious unchangeable Truth, in the Course of Divine Wisdom, be more established among Men.

And first, to those of both Sexes, who are yet in their Minority, and who often feel the Touches of Divine Love tendering their Hearts, and drawing them to Good and the Love of good Men, tho' perhaps (like *Samuel* when a Child) they may at first be ignorant of the Cause thereof: Let these therefore be intreated not to get from under these precious Visitations, but as they feel them to arise, be careful not to neglect, much less oppose them; and

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and in due Time such will experience them to be a Degree of that Divine Light, *which lighteth every Man that cometh into the World*, John i. 9. By bringing all their Thoughts, Words and Actions thereto, they will clearly discern the Ground and Tendency of them.

It was through the Influence of this Divine Principle, many were led in very early Youth to wait for and seek after that Consolation which they had felt, without knowing from whence it came, until he who first visited, enlarged their Understandings, and led them to a further Degree of Knowledge, and convinced them it was of a Divine Nature, and that their Growth in true Virtue lay in a steady Attention thereto.

To those who are of riper Years, and who have been mercifully favour'd with
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a further Enlargement of this Divine Life, and are in measure turned to it; the Safety of all such depends in waiting for its Instructions, and under its Heavenly Influence faithfully following them. Let these be encouraged in the Language of the Prophet: *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord, his Going forth is prepared as the Morning; and he shall come unto us as the Rain, as the latter and former Rain unto the Earth,* Hosea vi. 3.

These will, in true Wisdom, see the Service of their Day, feel Divine Support through this State of Probation, and Preservation to the End; partaking as they go along of that Peace which Christ promised his true Followers, *Peace I leave with you, my Peace I give unto you, not as the World giveth, give I unto you,* John xiv. 27.

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It was this which supported the Righteous in all Ages, and is Cause of Encouragement to look forwards ; the same Hand which supported our Predecessors, is still near to help us in every needful Time. Thus by filling up every Duty, we may experience in our Conclusion, the Truth of the Prophet's Declaration, that *The Work of Righteousness shall be Peace, and the Effect of Righteousness, Quietness and Assurance for ever*, Isaiah xxxii. 17.

T. W.

London, the 8th of the
First Month 1774.

PIETY



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THE EIGHTH PART.

SAMUEL CATER, formerly of *Littleport* in the Isle of *Ely*, was convinced of the Principles of Truth, as held by the People called *Quakers*, about the Year 1655, by the Ministry of *James Parnel*, who (though but a Youth about eighteen Years of Age) was raised up powerfully to preach the Gospel, and became instrumental in the settling and establishing many therein, both by Testimony and Writing, and finished his Course in *Colchester* Castle before he reached his twentieth Year, for his Testimony to the Truth ; for a further Account of whom, see Vol. I. Page the 1st. of *Piety Promoted*, and a Collection of his own Writings.

Soon after his Convincement, the said *Samuel Cater* was excommunicated by the
 B *Baptists*,

Baptists, among whom he had walked ; and by the Records of Friends Sufferings it appears he was divers Times imprisoned for his Testimony to the Truth : With respect to his *Christian* Progress through a long Course of Years from his Convincement to his Decease, no particular Account appears, but what is noted above.

About the Latter-end of the Seventh Month 1711, he was taken ill ; in the Course of which Illness he express'd himself to some Friends and Neighbours who came to visit him to this Effect : *That God would have them to be saved*, and desired them to *mind the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation, or the Light of Jesus Christ in their Consciences that reproveth for Evil*, which he often repeated, with many more such like Expressions to all that came to see him in his last Illness, desiring them that were not of our Society, *not to take it ill that he spoke to them, for it was in true Love to their Souls, and that they might not put off Time till Strength failed, for they would find enough to do to wrestle with the Pains of the Body ; therefore, says he, prize your Time.* At another Time when in great Pain, he desired, *That he might quietly hope, and patiently wait for the Salvation of God ; for neither Grace nor Glory, nor any good Thing would the Lord withhold from them that*
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walk uprightly. Often praising God *that he felt the Presence of his dear Son Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross for all, to fill his Soul.* Again desiring, *that he and his House might serve the Lord, let others do as they would ;* and remarked, *that Caleb said, He was Four-score and five Years of Age, and he was as strong for War as he was forty Years before ; I am, says he, going of Four-score and six, and I am as strong for the spiritual War as I was forty Years ago.*

To his Daughter *Elizabeth Hawkes,* he would say with great Zeal on First and Fourth Days, being Meeting Days ; *Come, dear Child, let us wait on the Lord, that though we be absent in Body, we may not be in Spirit.* Often speaking very comfortably to his Wife and Daughter, saying, *He felt little Pain, but a Difficulty of Breathing ; and that he was well satisfied with the Will of the Lord. If he lived, he hoped to live to the Lord ; and if it was his Lot to die, he felt true Satisfaction therein, and it would be Gain to him to be in his Father's Kingdom, to behold the Glory of his Redeemer Jesus Christ.*

A Friend taking Leave of him, he said, *Dear Child, the Lord be with thee and many more. Mind, it's an excellent Blessing to feel and witness the Ancient of Days to be with his*

People, without whose Presence we are poor nothing Creatures, and not of ourselves able to do any thing to the Honour of our God. Not long before his Departure, his Eyes being shut, he felt for his Daughter's Hand, and said, Dear Child, I find the Man's Words fulfilled. She asking what Man? He answered, The first Quaker that I saw : I was at Work upon such a House in the Town ; he looked upon me, and bad me Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand : And now I can say it is at hand. Magnified be thy holy Name, O Lord ! Several Times expressing he felt the Kingdom nigh his Soul. The Day before he died, he said, Now, O Lord ! doth my Eyes see thy Salvation, now let thy Servant depart in Peace. Being much pent for Breath, he said, Lord, thou that gavest me Breath, canst take it away, if it be thy Will, do so : Not my Will but thine be done, O Lord my God !

He departed this Life the 19th of the Eighth Month 1711. Aged near eighty-six Years.

GILBERT THOMPSON, of *Sankey in Lancashire*, was born at *Sedburg in Yorkshire*, about the Year 1658. He was in his Time a Man of great Use and Service in the Church, and in his Station of a School-master was eminently qualified for the Instruction of Youth, being endued with Wisdom and Skill to govern them by mild and gentle Means, labouring to find out their several Dispositions that his Application might be suitable thereto ; and being an Example of Humility and good Conversation, his Labours for their Instruction was manifest in their Improvement in Learning, Understanding and Conduct : And while under his Care, many of them were so reached by Truth, and made like tender Plants replenished with Heavenly Dew, as gave Encouragement to hope they might prove useful in due Season, which has been verified since in divers.

But as it's common when Truth prevails, the Enemies thereof stir up War ; so by some envious Persons this our Friend was persecuted for keeping a School, and carried Prisoner to *Lancaster Castle*, which he bore

bore with *Christian* Patience, till discharged by due Course of Law.

About the forty-first Year of his Age, he was called to the Ministry, in which his Labours were edifying, being pure and unmixed with enticing Words of Man's Wisdom. He travelled through most Parts of *Great-Britain* and *Ireland*, where his Service was well accepted, his whole Conversation chearful, yet innocent, was agreeable to the Gospel. As if sensible of his approaching Conclusion, he visited his Friends in his native Country, and at *London*, and signified his great Satisfaction therein, saying, *His Time drew near for his being divested of his earthly Tabernacle* ; which proved so, for about two Weeks after his Return Home, he was seized with an *intermitting Fever*, and in about two Weeks more died, bearing his Sickness with Patience, saying, *He had done his Day's Work*.

He died the 22d of the Fourth Month 1719, at his House at *Sankey*, and was buried the 25th of the same at *Penbeth*. Aged sixty-one Years.

JOHN

J O H N B U T C H E R, of the City of *London*, was born of religious Parents, in the Seventh Month 1666, about two Weeks after the dreadful Conflagration ; his Father lived to a great Age, dying about his eighty-eighth Year, and his Mother about her sixty eighth Year ; both leaving a sweet Memorial behind them.

He, the said *John*, was by them religiously educated in the Way of Truth, and through the Grace of God, early receiving it in the Love thereof, it pleased the Lord to endue him with a Degree of the Gospel Ministry, and to open his Mouth about the fifteenth Year of his Age, in a publick Testimony to the true Light Christ Jesus, not only in his outward, but also, and more especially, in his inward Appearance by his Grace and Holy Spirit ; and he gradually grew therein, and became an able Minister, not of the Letter, but of the Spirit.

He travelled into divers Parts of this Nation, being well accepted therein, labouring for the Prosperity of Truth, a Lover of Peace, Unity and Concord ; and being endued with a large Portion of Wisdom and Understanding

Understanding in the Things of God, was enabled to speak to the States and Conditions of many. He was a Peace-maker, endeavouring to heal Breaches and reconcile Differences among Brethren.

He retained unfeigned Love to his Brethren to the End of his Days, altho' afflicted with great Weakness for some Time before his Death, which impaired his Memory ; yet that true Love continued in him, was evident by his chearful Countenance, friendly and courteous Deportment. In a Visit of some Friends about a Year before his Decease, he expressed himself very sensibly, with respect to the Lord's tender Dealings with him all along, and the Hope he had of Happiness through Christ.

George Whitehead and *Gilbert Mollison* visiting him, he expressed his kind Acceptance thereof, and took it as a Token of the Love and Mercy of God to him ; and signify'd the Lord's tender Dealing with him, and helping him since he visited him in his young Years, and that the Lord was now with him ; and after remembering his dear Love to Friends, as apprehensive his End drew near ; he said, *His Way was bright and clear before him, and that he was truly resigned to the Will of the Lord.*

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He died at *Palmer's Green* near *Edmondston*, in *Middlesex*, the 16th of the Ninth Month 1721, and was buried on the 21st of the same in Friends Burial-ground near *Bunhill-fields*, after a Meeting at the *Bull and Mouth* Meeting-house, attended by a numerous Company of Friends and friendly People. Aged about fifty-five Years.

GEORGE BOWLES, formerly of *Giles Chalfont*, within the Compass of *Jourdan's* Meeting in *Buckinghamshire*, was convinced of Truth in *London*, about the Year 1681. He was a Man whom the Lord favour'd with a good Understanding, and although he had not much human Learning, yet he was eminently endued with divine Gifts, whereby he was qualified and made an able Minister of the Everlasting Gospel, and under the Influences thereof was enabled to declare the Doctrine of Truth in a living powerful Testimony, to that Divine Light, which leads to Salvation. His Doctrine was sound, instructive, very solid, and free from Affectation, tendering the Hearts of the Hearers. He was not only serviceable in Ministry, but was eminently so in the Discipline and Government of the Church, in which he was frequently con-

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cern'd, and zealous that nothing might remain which would eclipse the Lustre and Beauty thereof ; and that all who professed the Truth might walk worthy thereof. Thus sweetly did he walk through a Course of many Years ; and when through bodily Infirmities rendered incapable of getting to Meeting, which was a Mile from his House, he removed to *Highbickham*, that he might be near the Meeting-house.

About five Days before his Death, he was seized with a strong *Fever*, in which the Lord was pleased to be with him to the Comfort of Friends, who were about him.

The Evening before his End, he was open'd in Spirit to speak in Lamentation of the unhappy State of many, who through Unwatchfulness, and by lending an Ear to the Enemy, had neglected those great Privileges God in his Mercy had offered them, in order for their Everlasting Good ; and also of the Lord's Goodness, declaring his Love in preserving the Faithful in Ages past, and even down to this Day : And concluding with a sweet Supplication to the Lord.

He departed this Life on the 18th of the Eleventh Month 1721, and his Body accompanied by Friends, was interred in their
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Burial-ground at *New-Jourdans*, the 22d of the same.

CH RISTIAN BARCLAY, of *Ury* in *Scotland*, Widow of *Robert Barclay*, (Author of the *Apology*) to whom she was married in the Year 1669, and survived him thirty-two Years, was Daughter of *Gilbert Molleson*, of *Aberdeen*, Merchant, and *Margaret* his Wife, whose pious Life is recorded in a former Treatise of this sort : She was born in 1647, and by Accounts preserved was religiously inclined from her Youth, and publickly embraced the Testimony of Truth about the sixteenth Year of her Age, and through many Hardships and Sufferings, walked in a steady Conversation consistent with her Profession ; her Care and Concern was great, that all who professed the Truth might possess it ; grave, serious and weighty in Conversation, diligent in Business, and fervent in Spirit, being often attended with the Power and Presence of Divine Goodness, in which many precious Opportunities of Refreshment to many present were plentifully manifested and experienced, both in her Company and under her Ministry, to their great Joy and Comfort.

Her Care and Concern was great to prevent Slackness or Indifferency in the Church, but that Diligence might be used to make our Calling and Election sure ; her daily Concern for her Children and Grand-Children, that they might be preserv'd, was evident to all ; her Care to assist the Poor and supply them with Necessaries, especially the Sick, left lasting Impressions on their Minds of Love and Regard.

She was taken ill the 12th of the Ninth Month 1722, and from that Time continued in a weak State, in which she witnessed many comfortable Opportunities ; her Concern for the Truth and Churches Prosperity continued with her to the last, for Sickneſs seem'd not to alter her Temper or Concern : Many pious Expressions dropt from her during her Illness, and he who had been with her all her Life long, blessed her with his Presence to the drawing of her last Breath, which appear'd to be in great Peace and Quietness, the 14th of the Twelfth Month 1722. Aged seventy-six Years.

GEORGE WHITEHEAD, of the City of *London*, was one who in the first breaking forth of Truth in this Nation, as professed by the People called *Quakers*, was raised up in his very young Years to bear Testimony thereto, and thro' laborious and exercising Travel, became instrumental in the first planting thereof, about the City of *Norwich* and Parts adjacent ; and having been conducted through a long Course of Years, unspotted to his Conclusion, for the Encouragement of all who may read this Account, the following Extract, from the Testimony of *Devonshire - house* Monthly Meeting concerning him, of which he was a very serviceable Member for about fifty Years, is thought worthy a Place in these Memoirs.

“ He was born at *Sun-big*, in the Parish
 “ of *Orton*, in the County of *Westmoreland*,
 “ about the Year 1636, of honest Parents,
 “ who gave him Education in Grammar
 “ Learning.

“ At or about the seventeenth Year of his
 “ Age, when Friends, by the mighty Power
 “ of God, were gathered to be a People,
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“ the Lord was pleased to visit him, and
 “ by the Testimony of Truth, he was
 “ reached unto, and convinced of the Ne-
 “ cessity of an inward and spiritual Work
 “ to be known and wrought upon the Souls
 “ of Men ; and of the Emptiness of out-
 “ ward Shew and Formality in Religion :
 “ And in the Year 1654, and the eighteenth
 “ Year of his Age, the Lord sent him forth
 “ to preach the Everlasting Gospel in Life
 “ and Power ; and having passed through
 “ *York, Lincoln and Cambridge*, travelling
 “ on Foot, had some Service in his Journey.
 “ He came while a Youth into *Norfolk* and
 “ *Suffolk*, where he visited some few Meet-
 “ ings of Friends and sober Professors ; at
 “ one of which, near the whole Meeting was
 “ convinced, by the mighty Power of God,
 “ through his lively and piercing Testimony
 “ and Prayer.

“ He continued some Months in *Norfolk*,
 “ and about *Norwich*, where having Meet-
 “ ings, he preached the Everlasting Gospel,
 “ and thereby turn'd many from Darkness
 “ to Light, and from the Power of Sin and
 “ Satan, unto God and his Power ; that
 “ People might not continue in empty Forms
 “ and Shadows, but come to the Life and
 “ Substance of true Religion ; and to know
 “ Christ their true Teacher and Leader :
 “ And

“ And great was his Service, Labour and
 “ Travel in those Counties, whereby many
 “ were reached unto, convinced of, and
 “ established in the blessed Truth ; and
 “ some raised up to bear a publick Testi-
 “ mony thereunto : But he suffered great
 “ Opposition, Hardships, long and sore Im-
 “ prisonments, and severe Whipping for his
 “ Testimony to the Truth, in those his ten-
 “ der Years,” as by his Journal of more
 than 600 Pages ; wherein many of his
 Services and Travels throughout most Parts
 of this Nation are largely related, will
 appear.

“ He was one whom the Lord had fitly
 “ qualified and prepared, by his Divine
 “ Power and Holy Spirit, for that Work
 “ whereunto he was called ; and whereby
 “ he was made an able Minister of the
 “ Gospel : He was a large Experienter of
 “ the Work of God, and deep Mysteries
 “ of the Heavenly Kingdom, and was fre-
 “ quently opened in Meetings to declare of,
 “ and unfold the same in the clear Demon-
 “ stration of the Spirit and Power, dividing
 “ the Word aright, to the opening and
 “ convincing the Understandings of many,
 “ who were unacquainted with the Way and
 “ Work of Truth, and to the comforting,
 “ confirming and establishing of the People
 “ and

“ and Children of the Lord in their Journey
 “ and Travel Zion-ward.

“ He was not only a zealous Contender
 “ for, and Affterter of the true Faith and
 “ Doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus
 “ Christ, in a sound and intelligible Testi-
 “ mony, but also was valiant and skilful
 “ in the Defence thereof, against Adversa-
 “ ries and Opposers of the same ; and one,
 “ who through a long Course of many
 “ Days, was careful to adorn the Doctrine
 “ of our Holy Profession, by a circumspect
 “ Life and godly Conversation, wherein the
 “ Fruits of the Spirit, *viz.* Love, Joy,
 “ Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Good-
 “ ness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance,
 “ did eminently shine forth through him,
 “ to the Praise and Glory of God.

“ Being thus qualify’d, and of a meek
 “ and peaceable Disposition, he was had
 “ in good Esteem amongst most Sorts of
 “ People that were acquainted with him ;
 “ which tended much to the opening his
 “ Way in his publick Service for Truth,
 “ and frequent Solicitations of the King and
 “ Parliament, Bishops and great Men in
 “ his Time, for the Relief and Release of
 “ his suffering Friends and Brethren, under
 “ fore Persecutions and hard Imprisonments,
 “ and

“ and for Liberty of Conscience, and also
 “ for Relief in case of Oaths : In which
 “ Labour of Love and eminent Services,
 “ among other Brethren, this our dear
 “ Friend was principally exercised, and the
 “ Lord was with him, and made way for
 “ him in the Hearts of the Rulers ; so that
 “ his faithful Labour was often crown’d
 “ with Success, to the comforting and re-
 “ joicing of the Hearts of many suffering
 “ Brethren.

“ He was a good Example to the Flock
 “ in his diligent frequenting of First and
 “ Week-day Meetings for publick Worship,
 “ and other Meetings for the Service of
 “ Truth, so long as his Ability of Body
 “ remain’d ; willing to take all Opportu-
 “ nities for publishing and promoting the
 “ Truth ; zealous to support good Order,
 “ and Discipline in the Church of Christ :
 “ And as he was not suddenly for taking
 “ hold of any, so he was as exemplary in
 “ not being forward to cast any off, in
 “ whom there appeared any thing that was
 “ good, being always desirous to encourage
 “ the Good in all, condescending to the
 “ Weak, but admonishing the Faulty, in
 “ the Spirit of Meekness and Wisdom,
 “ that they might be preserved in Love to
 D “ Truth,

“ Truth, and come into the *Unity of the one*
 “ *Spirit, which is the Bond of Peace.*

“ He was a tender Father in the Church,
 “ and as such was of great Compassion,
 “ sympathizing with the Afflicted whether
 “ in Body or Mind ; a diligent Visiter of
 “ the Sick, and labouring to comfort the
 “ mourning Soul ; careful to prevent, and
 “ diligent in composing Differences.

“ It pleased the Lord to visit him with
 “ some severe Pains and Weakness of Body,
 “ so that he was disabled for some Weeks
 “ from getting to Meetings ; but he often
 “ expressed his Desires for the Welfare of
 “ the Church of Christ, and that Friends
 “ might live in Love and Unity.

“ He continued in a patient resigned
 “ Frame of Mind to the Will of God,
 “ waiting for his great Change, rather de-
 “ siring to be *dissolved and be with Christ,*
 “ saying, *the Sting of Death was taken away.*

“ He expressed a little before his De-
 “ parture, *That he had a renewed Sight or*
 “ *Remembrance of his Labours and Travels,*
 “ *that he had gone through from his first*
 “ *Convincement ; he looked upon them with*
 “ *abundance of Comfort and Satisfaction, and*
 “ *admired*

“ *admired how the Presence of the Lord had*
 “ *attended and carried him through them all.*

“ He departed this Life in great Peace
 “ and Quiet the 8th Day of the First
 “ Month 1722-3, about the eighty-seventh
 “ Year of his Age, having been a Minister
 “ about sixty-eight Years, and was buried
 “ the 13th of the same in Friends Burial-
 “ ground in *Bunhill-fields*, attended by a
 “ large Number of his Friends and others.”

THOMAS ALDAM, formerly
 of *Warmsworth* in *Yorkshire*, was edu-
 cated in the Way of Truth we profess: He
 was in his Youth early visited with the spiri-
 tual Appearance thereof in his Soul, and by
 and through Faithfulness thereunto he was
 fitted and prepared for a Dispensation of the
 Gospel about the twenty-fourth Year of his
 Age; in which he was fervent in stirring up
 Friends to Faithfulness in the several Testi-
 monies of Truth, and which he also adorn'd
 with an exemplary Life and Conversation,
 giving Testimony thereto by two Years and
 an half's Imprisonment, about the Years
 1671 and 1684.

He was diligent in attending Meetings both for Worship and Discipline, in which he was very serviceable, being of a sound Judgment and able in Counsel. Much might be said of his Labours, in which he always sought the Preservation of Peace and Unity among Friends, and retain'd his Integrity to old Age.

He was taken ill about the Seventh Month 1722, and from that Time kept his Room under great Weakness of Body; but was preserved in a weighty tender Frame of Spirit. And as he had always been a diligent Attender of Meetings, so at his Desire the Meeting was often kept in his Room; in which he was fervent in Prayer, and bore Testimony to the Goodness of God to his Soul; and had a Word of Encouragement and Exhortation to others, to their mutual Comfort and Edification. During his Illness he was frequently visited by Friends, to some of whom he expressed his *Hope and Confidence in the Lord, that through the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus, he should have a Place of Rest in the World to come, and an Inheritance among those who are sanctified.*

He departed this Life the 17th of the First Month 1722-3, and was buried in the Burying-place at *Warmsworth*, which himself had

had inclosed and built a Meeting-house therein, and in his Life-time given to the Use of Friends, the 19th of the same. Aged seventy-four Years.

RICHARD CLARIDGE, was born in the Tenth Month 1649, at *Farmborough* in the County of *Warwick*, of sober and reputable Parents, who brought him up to Learning from his Childhood, and in the seventeenth Year of his Age sent him to the University of *Oxford*; where after some Years Continuance, he took his Degree of *B. A.* and was ordain'd a Deacon. In the Year 1672, he was ordain'd a Priest, and had his Induction to the Rectory of *Peopleton* in the said County of *Warwick*, where he continued a publick Preacher upwards of nineteen Years.

During which Time, the Lord was often pleased by the Inshining of his Divine Light, to open his Understanding, and shewed him the Inconsistency of his then Employment; and for the Sake of a good Conscience towards God, he quitted his parochial Charge and Tithe Revenue, and freely resign'd the Service in the Year 1691.

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After which he join'd himself to the *Baptists*, and was for some Time a publick Preacher among them; but his seeking Soul not finding that Satisfaction which he earnestly longed for and sought after, his Eye being still to the Lord for the Guidance and Direction of his Holy Spirit, the Mystery of the pure evangelical Dispensation was clearly manifested, and he was brought to embrace the Truth as professed by us, and made a publick Profession thereof in the Year 1697, and was brought to a patient Waiting in Silence, not daring again to open his Mouth until it pleased the Lord by the immediate Operation of his blessed Spirit to influence him thereto, and make him a free Minister of the Gospel of Christ; in which his Testimony was found and edifying, pressing all to Purity of Life, adorning the same in his Life and Conversation; in which his Piety towards God and Love to his Neighbour, the Truth and Justice of his Words and Actions, made him as a Light in the World, and gave forth a Testimony to the Truth in the Hearts of others. In his own Family he was a living Example of Virtue, being an affectionate Husband, a loving Father, and a kind and gentle Master; frequent in Supplication to the Lord for the Preservation of himself and Household in the Way of Truth and Righteousness, charitable

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to the Poor, and a frequent Visiter of the Sick ; and in his more publick Service, his various Treatises wrote in Defence of Truth, will stand as lasting Monuments of his unwearied Endeavours for its Promotion.

For some Years before his Death, he was in a declining State as to bodily Health, yet his Love and Zeal declined not ; but he kept close to Meetings till about a Week before his Departure, when he was taken with a Shortness of Breath attended with a *Fever*, which continued on him to his End. During the Time of his Sickness he expressed to divers Friends who visited him, his *inward Peace and Satisfaction of Soul, and an humble Resignation to the Divine Will, in an assured Hope of a glorious Immortality, placing his whole Trust and Confidence in the free Grace and Mercy of God.*

He departed this Life the 28th of the Second Month 1723, aged seventy-three Years, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground near *Bunhill-fields*, accompanied by a numerous Company of Friends and others.

JOHN

J O H N B R O W N, an ancient Friend in the County of *Surry*, was born at *Laleham* in *Middldesex*, the 1st of the Sixth Month 1639, and was one of the first convinced in the County where he dwelt, and became a Member of the Monthly-meeting of *Kingston upon Thames* when the Meeting-house was built, and continued a Member thereof forty-eight Years ; being according to the Talent received, a zealous Contender for the Faith, not fearing the Face of Man, nor turning his Back in the Day of Battle ; but patiently suffered Imprisonment in *Newgate* six or seven Times, as well as other Goals, one of which was before the Fire of *London*, when he was obliged to carry his Bed out on his Back, when the Prison was burnt ; besides the Spoiling of Goods which he many Times suffer'd : And he neither fled in the Winter, nor on the Sabbath-day ; but remained steadfast to the Truth to the Day of his Death.

He was taken ill at his Son-in-Law's *Jacob Forsters's*, in *Blackman-street*, *Southwark*, about the Fourth Month 1723, which he endured with great Patience and Satisfaction, being sensible it was for his End, and expressed

pressed his Resignation thereto, full of Heavenly Expressions and Divine Exhortations to all who were about him.

He died the 6th of the Fifth Month 1723; and was buried in Friends Burial-ground at *Kingston* afore said. Aged upwards of eighty-two Years.

DANIEL ROBERTS, an ancient Friend, of *Chesham* in the County of *Bucks*, was born at *Siddington* near *Cirencester*, in the County of *Gloucester*, about the Year 1656; his Father *John Roberts*, of the same Place, was convinced in the first breaking forth of Truth as professed by us, by that Servant of Christ *Richard Farnsworth*, of whom some Memoirs are extant. This our worthy Friend was one whom in his early Age the Lord was pleased to call into his Vineyard, and committed a Dispensation of the Gospel to him; in the Exercise of which he was often made an Instrument of Edification and Comfort, and by his Labour therein some were convinced before his Removal to *Chesham*; and he not only had to do, but to suffer for his Testimony, being imprisoned in *Gloucester* Castle about two Years, till discharged about the Year 1684.

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After his Settlement at *Chefham*, great was his Care to shew forth an exemplary Conversation of a meek and peaceable Spirit, seeking the Peace and Unity of the Church, being often opened in tender Counsel to the Weak, yet steady in his Zeal against every Appearance of Evil. In his Family a loving Husband, a tender Father, and a kind Master : To his Neighbours courteous and kind, his honest and innocent Conversation raising an honourable Esteem for him.

In his last Illness he appeared to be in a sweet Frame of Mind, much to the Comfort of some Friends who visited him, and gave them good Cause to believe he died in Peace with the Lord and enter'd into Rest.

He departed this Life the 16th of the Twelfth Month 1726, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground the 19th of the same. Aged about 70 Years.

JAMES

JAMES OLDHAM, was born at *Warrington* in the County of *Lancaster*, about the Year 1715, his Conversation was according to the Course of this World, and according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that now worketh in the Children of Disobedience, until about the twentieth Year of his Age, when reading some Books on religious Subjects, he perceived the Necessity of experiencing Judgment because of Sin, and the Work of Redemption through Jesus Christ our Lord. After having been for some Time seeking the Way to Zion, according to the Degrees of Light and Knowledge imparted, he was convinced of the Truth professed by the People called *Quakers*, and became a deeply exercised, exemplary and well approved Member of their Society.

The Awfulness and Simplicity of his Conduct is still remembered by some, to whom in their religious Infancy he was as a nursing Father, although himself but a Stripling in respect to Years. Having tasted that the Lord was gracious, he had strong Sympathy with the sincere Travailleurs under various Denominations; nevertheless he was

very careful not to go before or beyond the Guidance of Truth for the Help of others.

Being seized with a *Fever*, at some Intervals his Understanding was affected ; but at others the Composure and Solemnity of his Spirit was comfortably apparent : He addressed divers of his Friends in a manner suitable to their States, and signified his sole Dependance was upon that merciful Arm whereby he had been visited. The Day before his Decease, a Friend sitting by his Bedside, he bore a short but powerful Testimony to the Love and Goodness of God ; expressed the Views he then had of the Divine Light and Glory, adding by way of Appeal to the Almighty, *Oh Lord ! thou knowest I have loved thee with an unfeigned Love ;* or in Words of like Import.

After some Time spent in solemn Silence, he brake forth into an audible Melody, which was very affecting ; and having been singularly cautious of expressing more than he enjoy'd, there is abundant Reason to think he was at that Season favoured with a Sense his Warfare was nearly accomplished, and of a Settlement in the Divine Presence and Favour for ever.

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He departed this Life at the House of *William Wagstaffe*, in *Martin's-le-Grand*, in remarkable Quietness as a Lamb, in the Third Month 1740, aged about twenty-five Years ; and after a large and solemn Meeting, was decently interred in Friends Burial-ground in *Bunhill-fields*.

J O H N F O T H E R G I L L, of *Carrend* in *Wensleydale*, but late of *Knaresbrough* in *Yorkshire*, was born of religious Parents, and carefully educated in the Principles of Truth ; being made sensible in his early Years, that neither Tradition, outward Regularity, nor any thing short of real inward Purification of Soul, would render him acceptable in the Sight of the Lord ; he therefore gave up his Heart to him, who through the effectual Operation of his Divine Grace, baptized and gradually purified his Spirit ; and prepared and fitted him to be an able Minister of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation ; to which Service he was called when but young, and readily gave up, not suffering the Things of this World to take up his Mind and Time ; but labour'd diligently and faithfully therein, from his young Years to the Conclusion of his Days.

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In all the Stations of Life, his Testimony was confirm'd and adorned by a Conduct becoming a Minister of Christ, whom he served faithfully and with great Diligence ; and by a daily inward Dwelling with the Spring of Wisdom and Light, his Mind was often opened, and his Spirit sustain'd to secret Worship when his Hand was upon his Labour. His Delight was in the Law of his God, to meditate therein Day and Night, and to talk of his Statutes in his House to his Family, and those with whom he conversed ; and many Times by a Transition from Earthly to Heavenly Things, instructed and edify'd the Minds of those present.

In his publick Testimony, awful and weighty, being endued with true Wisdom, strong and immovably bent against all Unrighteousness ; quick in discerning, and powerful in detecting the Mysteries of Antichrist, who has sought to stupify the People with the Golden Cup, and thereby to spread the Power, and enlarge the Borders of the Kingdom of Death. As a Flame of Fire was he to the Rebellious and Stubborn ; but refreshing as the Dew on *Hermon* to the honest Travailer, ministring Counsel and Comfort to the drooping Soul ; being not only an Instructor, but a Father to many ; zealous and wise in the Support of the Discipline

pline established amongst us ; impartially and honestly doing Judgment and Justice : No Family Connections (not even his own) could bias him from laying the Line upon Offenders, nor from a steady Endeavour to keep clean the Camp of God ; in which Labour he was often successful, being made a Terror to evil Doers, and a Praise to them that did well.

Thus conducted in every Station of Life, he became honourable amongst Men, and greatly esteem'd by those of superior Rank who knew him ; being adorn'd with that Dignity which Truth confers on its faithful Followers.

In the Course of his Gospel Labours he travelled much in this Nation, in *Scotland* and *Wales* : He visited *Ireland* several Times, and thrice he crossed the Seas to *America* in the same Service, to the Comfort and Edification of the Churches, leaving Seals of his Ministry in many Places. In the Year 1744 he attended the Yearly-meeting at *London*, in Company with his ancient Friend *Boswell Middleton*, for whom he had a singular Esteem ; and altho' his Weakness rendred it difficult for him to attend the large Meetings for Business, nevertheless he did attend them, and his exemplary, rever-

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rent, watchful Frame of Mind therein, rendered his Company truly acceptable and servicable. On his Return he attended the Midsummer Quarterly-meeting at *York*; after which in a Letter to a Friend, after mentioning the Weakness of his Body, "Yet," says he, "I think my better Part is almost uncommonly supply'd in divers Respects, much to my Comfort, and the reviving of my Faith in the Heavenly Influence, which is Strength in Weakness, and will be, where his only worthy Name hath the Praise."

In the latter Part of the said Year he attended the circular Yearly-meeting at *Worcester*, where he was enabled to bear a noble *Christian* Testimony to the All-sufficiency of that Power which had preserved, supported and guided him in the Way that was right and well-pleasing; and is likewise able to do the same for all the Children of Men. And after visiting *Bristol*, *Bath*, and some other Meetings, he return'd Home by easy Journeys, having Meetings as Opportunities offer'd; after his Return he got to Meetings for some Weeks, and his Testimony was as lively and powerful as ever; several Times expressing his Satisfaction and inward Peace, in having perform'd his last Journey, saying, *His Shoulders were a good deal lighten'd by it,*
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and he was reconciled to his Grave if he was now to be taken away.

The two last Weeks he slept almost continually, Day and Night, his Memory and Capacity being much impair'd ; yet when almost all other Expressions fail'd, he was observ'd to repeat the following, in a very fervent and emphatical manner : *Heavenly Goodness is near, Heavenly Goodness is near.* Thus, the mighty God who visited him in his Youth with the Discovery of his saving Power, who thereby cleansed him from Unrighteousness, and sanctify'd him to himself as a chosen Vessel, supported him in all his faithful Labours by Sea and Land, covered his Head in all Conflicts, and by whom his Bow abode in Strength, became his Evening Song and Stay in the Decline of Life ; that Heavenly Goodness he had ever prized as his chiefest Joy, remained as a Seal upon his Spirit, that he had pleased God, and was accepted of him.*

He departed this Life at *Knareborough*, the 13th of the Eleventh Month 1744, and was honourably buried in Friends Burying-

* For a further Account of this worthy Man, see a new Edition of his Journal.

ground at *Scotten* near the said Town, the 15th of the said Month. Aged sixty-nine, a Minister near fifty Years.

BENJAMIN KIDD, of *Banbury* in *Oxfordshire*, was born at or near *Settle* in the County of *York*, and was educated among Friends; and while very young was favour'd with a Visitation of Truth, to which he was faithful, and thro' the powerful Operation thereof, was in or about the twenty-first Year of his Age called to the Work of the Ministry; wherein he was eminently qualified rightly to divide the Word of Truth, and to unfold the Mysteries of the Gospel in great Brightness, to the Informing and Convincing many, and to the Comfort and Encouragement of such as were under Affliction and Distress of Mind in their religious Progress.

He was eminently qualified for great and singular Services in the Church, a diligent Attender of Meetings, both for Worship and Discipline; in both which he was very serviceable. A Man of great Sincerity and Integrity, of good Understanding in Matters useful to Mankind, and freely communicative; universal in his Benevolence,
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and laborious to do Good to all. Deep in Divine Experience, sound in Judgment, wise in Counsel, zealous for the Promotion of Truth and Righteousness, and the Exaltation of the Cause of his Lord and Master in the Earth ; instructive and weighty, yet becomingly chearful in Conversation ; exemplary in Life and Conduct, peculiarly kind and fatherly towards his Friends, compassionate to the Poor and Distressed, generous and noble in his Disposition, highly useful and agreeable to his Neighbours, and generally beloved by Persons of all Ranks and Denominations to whom he was known.

The principal Design of these Observations is to excite thee, Reader, to consider in what manner he was raised to this Dignity in the Church ; and also to reflect, that the same Divine Principle is in thee, and if thou art faithful thereto, the same Fruits will appear according to thy Measure.

About the thirtieth Year of his Age, he visited *America*, where many were convinced, and others confirmed through his powerful Ministry. His Service there was very great, and much to the Edification, Comfort, and Satisfaction of Friends, as appears from sundry Accounts.

After he settled at *Banbury*, he visited *Ireland* and various Parts of this Nation : The City of *London* in particular, frequently partook of his pious and fervent Labours, to the great Help and Consolation of many, who have had just Reason to bless the Lord on his Behalf.

A few Months before his Death he was greatly afflicted with the *Stone*, which was very painful to bear ; but at Times he got a little out, and particularly he attended the Quarterly-meeting at *Oxford* in the Tenth Month 1750, O. S. though under great Affliction of Body, which gradually increased, together with a *Dropfical* Disorder attending ; through all which, his Patience and Resignation were very remarkable. About a Month before his Decease, he attended the Meeting at *Banbury*, at the Burial of a young Man whom he greatly esteemed, which he got to with great Difficulty, being obliged to be supported by two Friends. In the Course of the Meeting, he was raised beyond all Expectation to preach the Gospel powerfully for about an Hour, to the tending the Hearts of almost all present ; many of his Neighbours being there, confessed with Admiration, to the Power by which he was raised that Day, remarking, *That he had been a good Man all his Time, and that the Almighty*

Almighty had crown'd him in the Conclusion. After this he was mostly confined within Doors, and continued in great Submission to the Divine Will, without murmuring or repining.

A Friend from *London* visiting him, found him under great bodily Affliction, but freely resign'd to the Divine Will ; expressing *His firm Hope in that Power which had all along supported him, and that though the greatest Kindness to him, was to solicit a Release from his Pains, yet he desired to be content and wait the Lord's Time ;* and when the said Friend took his Leave of him, he expressed himself to him in an affectionate manner to his great Comfort and Encouragement.

At another Time, having deliver'd some excellent Exhortations to those present with him, he added for their Encouragement to persevere in their *Christian Progress, I am under no Fear nor doubtful Apprehensions ; for I know, that for me to live is Christ, and to die is Gain.*

When he was first seized with the *Hicough*, he seem'd full of Joy, saying, *This is a welcome Messenger, it is one Step nearer : His Wife standing by, asking Why ? He answered, It will be a glorious Change, I am*
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not afraid to die and to put on Immortality; that will be desirable, yet I leave it, though of Choice I had rather be dissolved; but the Lord's Time will be the best Time: Often saying, 'Death would be the most welcome Messenger he ever met with.

Thus this good Man finished his Course, his Sun going down in great Brightness, at *Ranbury*, the 21st of the Third Month 1751, O. S. and was buried the 24th of the same, after a large and solemn Meeting. Aged about fifty-nine, a Minister about thirty-eight Years.

SARAH ARTIS, was born at *Woodbridge* in the County of *Suffolk*, in the Year 1714, of religious Parents, who were both taken away while she was young. She early discover'd a sincere Desire after the Knowledge of the Truth, and the Seed thereof falling upon good Ground it took Root downward; and being humble in Spirit, and patient under the Operations of it, it brought forth plentifully; so that about the twenty-sixth Year of her Age she came forth in Testimony, in which she was clear in her Delivery, sound in Judgment, and being seasoned with Gospel Love, it might truly

truly be said, she was one of the wise-hearted Women in our *Israel*.

She was often concern'd to visit Particulars, more especially of the younger Sort; and was often made instrumental to the Opening their present States, and to administer the Wine and the Oil as the Occasion required. She visited divers Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*, and her Life and Conversation corresponding with the Doctrine she preach'd, her Services therein were acceptable.

Her Illness, which was a *Cancer* in her Mouth, was very long, and much affected her Speech, that she could not utter Words but with great Difficulty; and as she languished for some Months, and was earnest in Spirit that she might be preserved in the Patience to an entire Resignation, whether to live or die.

She expressed great Satisfaction in that she had been faithful in the Discharge of her Duty; and near her Latter-end had a great Desire of being dissolved, in a full Assurance of entering into that Rest which is prepared for them that die in the Lord.

She departed this Life about the forty-fourth Year of her Age, and was interred in
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Friends Burial-ground at *Woodbridge*, the 19th of the Fourth Month 1758. A Minister eighteen Years.

WILLIAM PITTS, of *Southwark*, in his young Years was early visited with a Call of Divine Grace, and by adhering thereto and submitting to its Operations, he became convinced of the essential Doctrines of *Christianity* as professed by us; and though in his Minority he was educated by a Priest, under whose Tuition he attain'd a considerable Knowledge in several of the learned Languages; yet the tender Scruples which were rais'd in his Mind, under a clear Conviction of the Impropriety of the needless Ceremonies and Salutations in which he had been educated, expos'd him to many Sufferings from his Father, from whom he received unkind Treatment, which he endured with much Patience and Fortitude; and which tended much to his Growth and Advancement in religious Experience, and Preparation for further Service.

From some Minutes he left, he was under some Conflict of Mind respecting his appearing in the Ministry, which continued near three Years before he gave up thereto; and
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having a clear Sense of the Importance of that weighty Service, and the Necessity of obtaining a certain Evidence of his Mission, he waited for a Confirmation thereof, lest he should run before he was sent. In the Fifth Month 1738 he was enabled to utter the following Sentence, *If the Trumpet give an uncertain Sound, who can prepare himself for the Battle* ; which, as he has been heard to say, *afforded him Instruction through the future Service of his Day*, which was very great, his Heart being fully given up to do whatever his Hand might find to do, as was evident from his own Expressions to some Friends who visited him in his Illness, whom he encouraged to Faithfulness, saying, *That for the last twenty Years he had never omitted one Service which had appeared to be his Duty, and he had now the Comfort and Satisfaction thereof* : Or Words to that Effect ; and great were his Services, his Talents and Qualifications were employ'd to the Glory of the Giver.

In the Fourth Month 1760 he set out to visit Friends in *Buckinghamshire*, and some adjacent Parts ; but being much indisposed he returned homewards, and at the House of our Friend *Thomas Goring*, at *Uxbridge*, he was suddenly taken very ill ; during which he uttered the following Expressions, *Oh my*
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Father ! my Father ! be pleased to be with me in my Affliction : And he gave it as his Judgment, that his Time in this World would be short, and that he should die of this present Illness ; and said, I am fully resigned to the Will of Providence ; declaring, he coveted not Length of Days, and that he was very easy in Body and Mind. Being asked how he did, he said, he was very weak in Body, but I have a great Physician in Heaven, who is very merciful to me, and near me in this Illness. At another Time, after having repeated his perfect Resignation to the Will of his great Master, said, But if it pleased him, he had rather die than live, unless he had any further Service for him to do : And he could rejoice, saying, O Death, where is thy Sting ? O Grave, where is thy Victory ? The Sting of Death is Sin, and the Strength of Sin is the Law ; but Thanks be to God, who giveth us the Victory. Many Friends from London and elsewhere went to see him, whose Visits he took very kind, and to one of them he expressed himself in the following manner : I never coveted Riches nor Power ; and indeed if I had obtained them, what could they, or all the Friendships of the World do for me now ? Nothing but the Testimony of a pure Conscience, and the inward Sense of Divine Favour, can comfort my Soul in these Moments ; and Thanks be to my Heavenly
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Father, I feel his supporting Arm underneath, and it is a Rest indeed, a Joy that overcomes all ; it makes this Bed easy, and enables me to bear calmly, and without Complaint, the Dispensations of his gracious Providence ; I wish for nothing to myself otherwise than it is. I accept with Satisfaction and Thanks the Kindness of my Friends : In Compliance with their Request, and thinking it my Duty to do what may be in my Power, I take the Medicines prescribed, which though it may not seem meet to Providence in his Wisdom, to render instrumental in the Restoration of Health ; yet through his Blessing they have so far succeeded, as to remove the Sense of acute Pain. To be thoughtful of, and prepare for this trying Time, have I frequently and earnestly exhorted others ; not without considering and knowing the many and strong Temptations of this World ; which however, as we are obedient to the Spirit of Christ, we shall be enabled to overcome ; that in the Conclusion they might have this Answer of Peace, this Divine Consolation of Mind : And it always appeared best to me, to do this in great Love and Gentleness, so that I might persuade, not force them to Christ. When this Time comes, it will be found hard Work, without any Additional Weight, to struggle on a Dying-bed with the Pangs of the Body. But how much more to be lamented is the Condition of those, whose

Consciences accuse them with having enriched themselves by oppressing the Poor and Helpless ; and when in an unprepared State, after a Life of Rebellion and hardened in Iniquity, such must feel the Terrors of a guilty Mind, added to the Agonies of a perishing Body.

A Friend who went to visit him, a Day before his Death, asked him how he did ; after a short Pause he said, *I am waiting for my great Change : O my Father ! be pleased to be with me, and comfort me in my last Moments.* The last Words he was heard to speak were these : *There is a great God in Heaven, who is Zion's King : O Zion ! O Zion ! O thou great King of Kings !* Soon after which he departed in great Tranquility and Composure of Mind, the 15th of the Fifth Month 1760. His Body was brought to his own House in *Blacks-fields, Southwark* ; and from thence, after a solemn Meeting at *Horslydown*, attended by many Friends, decently interred at Friends Burial-ground in the *Park, Southwark*. Aged about fifty-one Years, and a Minister twenty-two Years,

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ROBERT PLUMSTED, of *Grace-church-street, London*, was in his Youth addicted to Gaiety and the delusive Pleasures of this transitory World ; but was preserved out of the gross Evils thereof. About the twenty-eighth Year of his Age, it pleased Divine Providence in great Mercy to manifest to him, that if he would obtain Peace he must walk in the narrow Path of Self-denial : Thus by adhering to the Dictates of Divine Grace, he was enabled to deny himself of the Pleasures and Poms of this World, take up his Cross, and in a good degree was brought into Conformity to the Leadings of Truth. Sometimes for about a Year before his Decease, he appeared in a few Words in our religious Assemblies in a tender manner, which was acceptable to Friends.

He was afflicted with a long and painful Illness, in which he had at Times Access to the Throne of Grace, and when reduced very low, uttered these Words distinctly : *Lord ! as thou hast continued me to this Moment, let me not depart without undoubted Evidence of thy Favour.*

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He quietly departed this Life the 14th of the Seventh Month 1760, at the Hot-Wells near *Bristol*, and his Corps being brought to *London*, was interr'd the 23d of the same, at *Winchmore-hill*, in *Middlesex*, accompany'd by many Friends, after a large and solemn Meeting at *Devonshire-house* in *London*. Aged thirty-six Years.

LYDIA LANCASTER, was the Daughter of *Thomas* and *Dorothy Rawlinson*, of *Graithwaite* in the County of *Lancaster*, who both descended from Families reputable among Men; and they both came among Friends on the Principle of Convincement, and were religiously concern'd to instruct and example their Children therein, as the most precious of all Blessings.

That powerful Hand which can alone give the Increase, mercifully extended an excellent Blessing to several of their Children, and particularly to this their Daughter; and as it opened the Heart of *Lydia* of old, so it opened hers, to receive the Heavenly Message. In her young Years she became sensibly acquainted with the Lord, and witnessed his gracious Dealings with her, in order to
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redeem her to himself, and make her a sanctified Vessel to place his Name in.

About the fourteenth Year of her Age, she had a View of the Will of Providence to engage her in the ministerial Service ; under which Concern she continued about ten Years, growing in Wisdom and Experience that she might come forth in the right Time, endued with proper Qualifications : In this Time of deep Travail and Heavenly Discipline, she learn'd to say with the Prophet *Isaiab*, Chap. 1. Vers. 4. *He wakeneth me Morning by Morning, he wakeneth mine Ear to hear as the Learned.*

About the twenty-fourth Year of her Age, she came forth in a living powerful Testimony, and grew therein ; the blessed Author of all spiritual Riches having abundantly replenish'd her with the Treasures of his Kingdom, she soon became an able Dispenser thereof to the Churches, having a Word in due Season to divers States ; and like the well-instructed Scribe, brought out of the Treasures committed to her, *Things new and old.* And as she was eminently favour'd by her great Lord and Master, she became humbly devoted to his Requirings ; when called forth into the various Parts of his
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Vineyard, she freely gave up to spend and be spent for his Cause and Name's Sake.

She visited this Nation or the greatest Part of it several Times, *Ireland* and *Scotland* twice, also the Continent of *America*; in all which she was render'd instrumental to build up many in the most Holy Faith; particularly in *America* she left many Seals of her Ministry, both in the Edification and Help of those who were of the Society, and the Convincement of others, gathering them to the great Shepherd of the Flock.

Her Openings into the Mysteries of the Kingdom were deep and instructive, adapted to the State of those amongst whom she labour'd; close and with Authority to the Negligent and Careless; yet all her Ministry was attended with that Love and Tenderneſs which accompany'd her Lord and Master, who *came to seek and to save that which was lost*. She was favour'd with a most excellent Utterance, her Gesture awful, her Voice solemn; and all her Demeanour in the Exercise of her Gift, becoming the Dignity of the Gospel-Ministry. She was signally favour'd in Supplication, having near Access in Spirit to the Throne of Majesty and Grace, before whom she worshipp'd with calm Rejoicing and awful Reverence.

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Thus through a Course of many Years, she retain'd her Zeal and Integrity, and in her old Age strong in the Power of an endless Life; great indeed was her Growth in religious Experience, even to the Stability of Salvation, and an Assurance that she should never fall, yet accompanied with the deepest Humility. Filial Love which casts out Fear was the Covering of her Spirit, and rested almost constantly upon her for several Months before her Removal.

About six Weeks before her Departure, she thus expressed herself to a Friend she had favour'd with an intimate Acquaintance: *My natural Strength is not so much impair'd as to give me Reason to expect a sudden Removal from this World; but I feel so constantly Day and Night the virtuous Life, and my Father's Holy Presence is so constantly with me, and I enjoy so much the spiritual Communion and Fellowship of Saints, as to give me an Apprehension I am not far from mine Everlasting Home: To which she sweetly added, A glorious Crown and Everlasting Song is before me.* (The Friend to whom she thus expressed herself being deeply affected with the Sense of the over-shadowing of the Holy Wing at that Instant of Time) She further added, *If the Foretaste be so joyous, what are the Riches of the Saints Inheritance beyond the Grave!*

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She was supported to labour in the Gospel almost to the Conclusion of her Days, having attended the Funeral of an ancient Friend, *William Backhouse*, several Miles off on the First-day of the Week, and preached the Gospel in the Demonstration of its own Power ; and finished her Course the Seventh-day following, and as she lived so she died, in great Favour with God and Man, full of Days and full of Peace.

She died at *Lancaster*, the 30th of the Fifth Month, and was honourably interred in Friends Burial-ground, the 1st of the Sixth Month 1761. Aged about seventy-seven Years, and a Minister about fifty-three Years.

WILLIAM BACKHOUSE, was born in the Year 1695, at *Yealand* near *Lancaster*, of religious Parents, his Father dying when he was about two Years old, a Prisoner in *Lancaster* Castle, for his conscientious Testimony against the Payment of Tithes, the Education of his Children devolved solely on his Mother, who was religiously concern'd in this Duty, both by Precept and Example, and it pleased Divine Providence

Providence to bless her Endeavours with Success therein.

About the twenty-sixth Year of his Age he came forth in a publick Testimony, and by faithful Obedience to the Requirings of the Heavenly Giver, he witnessed an Enlargement in his Gift, and was an acceptable Minister.

He visited the Churches in most Parts of this Kingdom, *Scotland, Ireland,* and the Continent of *America*, much to the Comfort and Satisfaction of Friends, he being furnish'd with sufficient Strength for the Service of the Day ; being sound in Doctrine, tending to Information, Instruction and Edification ; exemplary in attending Meetings both for Worship and Discipline, in the latter of which he was highly serviceable, being a Lover of Peace, of a loving courteous Disposition to all, an affectionate Husband, a tender Parent, and kind Neighbour, which procured the Love and Esteem of them all.

In his last Illness, being a gradual Decay of Nature, it pleased the Almighty to favour him with many precious Earnests of a blessed Inheritance, divers Friends who visited him, were in a good degree made sensible thereof ; in some of these Opportunities he

was engaged in a lively manner, though in deep Humility, to commemorate the gracious Dealings of the Lord with him in the Course of his Pilgrimage, and thankfully to rejoice that he had labour'd in his Day to perform what he believed required of him ; and could make his Appeal to his Heavenly Master, saying, *Altho' I have had the World to struggle with for the Support and prudent Provision for my Family, yet thou knowest O Lord ! I have been more concern'd for thy Honour and the good of Souls, than for any other Considerations.*

Though greatly blessed in his nearest Connections of Life, yet being wean'd from this World and its Enjoyments, he waited with great Patience and Resignation for his Dissolution.

He departed this Life the 21st of the Fifth Month 1761, and was buried at *Yealand* the 24th of the same. Aged sixty-six, a Minister above forty Years.

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HANNAH SMITH, Wife of *John Smith*, of *Philadelphia*, was the Daughter of *James* and *Sarah Logan*, and born there on the 21st of the Twelfth Month 1719-20.

By the Care of her Parents she was in a great Measure preserved from the Levities incident to early Youth, and by the Opportunities of Improvement afterwards, she acquired such Qualifications as gain'd her much Respect and Esteem ; and tho' the affluent Situation in which her Parents were placed, yielded flattering Prospects of the Ease and Gaiety of the World, the durable Riches of true Religion appear'd to her a Treasure of much more Consequence, and not to be relinquished for Shadows and Delights that die in the Enjoyment. Thus at a Period when the slippery Paths of Vanity in a Succession of increasing Allurements are apt to ensnare youthful Minds, it pleased the Lord to bless her Endeavours against the Temptations of vain and unprofitable Company, and to strengthen her Love to inward Retirement ; and having tasted of the Visitation of Divine Love to her Soul, she saw it to be the Pearl of great Price, and that her All must go to purchase

purchase the Field where it lay ; and from that Time forward there is Reason to believe this Purchase became the principal Business of her Life, and with great Sincerity and Ardour she labour'd to have all those disquieting Affections silenced which arise from temporal Objects, and she was helped at Times to know the Breathing of her Soul answer'd, and was made to partake of the Joys of God's Salvation ; under which her Care over her Words and Deportment was increased, and continued to take suitable Opportunities of Retirement and for reading the Holy Scriptures ; and in the Relation of a Child, Wife and Mother, was tenderly careful to fill up her Place becoming those Stations.

About the Year 1756 she appeared in a few Words in much Simplicity of Heart and godly Sincerity, and was concern'd in visiting Friends in their Families, and also accompanied some of her own Sex to divers large Yearly-meetings in the neighbouring Provinces ; and after her Return to *Philadelphia* (which was half a Year before her Departure) she continued to attend religious Meetings, with as much Diligence as the Weakness of her Constitution would admit, and when there to clear herself of what she believed required of her.

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During the Time of her last Illness she told her Husband several Times, *That she believed she should not recover*; and though her bodily Pain at Times was very sharp, she was favour'd with an intire Confidence in the Mercy of God through Jesus Christ, who she found to be a Refuge from Storms, and a sure Defence in the Day of Distress. Another Time, acquainting him with great Sweetness of Spirit of the State of her Mind, she said, *Notwithstanding the close Trials I undergo, my Foundation remains sure, and I have a Hope, yea, an unshaken Hope, that there is a Place of Rest prepared for me.* At another Time, she mentioning that the Prospect of her Change being near, intreated her Husband to strive for Resignation, *For*, says she, *I am easy, I feel no Guilt.* A few Evenings before her Decease, as her Husband sat by her Bed-side, she desired that her Children and all about her, might keep as still and quiet as possible when she departed, and after mentioning several other Things relative thereto, told her Husband, *That she felt Pardon and Forgiveness for all Omissions of Duty*; and concluded this very affecting Conversation with these Words, *Oh the infinite Loving-kindness of a merciful God! who has made such a poor Creature as I am, so rich in Faith and firm in Hope, that I shall be accepted of him.*

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She departed this Life on the 19th, and was decently interred on the 23d of the Twelfth Month 1761. Aged about forty-one Years.

MARY SLATER, late Wife of *William Slater*, of *Lotbersdale* in *Yorkshire*, was descended of honest Parents, though her Mother did not profess with us, her Father being after his Marriage convinced of our Principles.

She being of a very gay sprightly Temper, was soon carried away with the delusive Vanities and Pleasures which abound, though often attended when very young with strong Convictions; but these were stifled (for a Time) by various Scenes of Dissipation and Folly, to which she had recourse, till the Father of Mercies by his good Spirit, effectually reach'd her when in the full Career of Mirth, being at a publick Evening Entertainment of the neighbouring Youth, about the fifteenth Year of her Age: This strong and humbling Visitation as she often expressed, brought her to see the Folly of such Mirth and Jollity, being at that Time attended with such an awful Dread on her Mind, as made her willing to depart from
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these vain Amusements, having no longer Pleasure in them.

She now began to see the Situation she was in, and the Need she had of saving Help, by which a secret Hunger and Thirst were begot in her after Divine and substantial Food, which led her with Diligence to attend the Way of Worship in which she had been educated ; but finding no true Satisfaction nor proper Nourishment for her disconsolate panting Soul, she often return'd from the Place of Worship in Tears and great Anxiety of Mind. She then went among the *Baptists*, in Hopes of meeting with what she so ardently desired after ; but being here also disappointed, she was led to attend Friends Meetings, though till now she even abhorred the Name, yet at length through divers close Conflicts and Probations she came to experience that Divine Comfort and Consolation which her Soul had so longed for and labour'd after ; the Way of Life and Salvation being then pointed out to her, she had soon to tell to others what the Lord had done for her Soul, for about the seventeenth Year of her Age she came forth in a publick Testimony, and being faithful and diligent in the Exercise of her Gift she became an able Minister of the Word, being freely given up to her great Master's Service, though often under

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great temporal Inconveniencies, as her Husband was never possessed of much of this World, yet their House and Hearts were open to entertain their Friends with the best they had ; and it was often Cause of humble Thankfulness to her Mind, that notwithstanding their low Beginning they never wanted what was needful, ever preferring the Welfare of Zion before her chiefest Joy.

She visited several Times most Parts of this Nation, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, in which her Services were acceptable, and left lasting Impressions on many Minds ; her Ministry being in the Demonstration of Truth, and in the Power thereof. She was fervent in Prayer, being often favour'd with a near Access to the Throne of Grace, to the baptizing of the Assemblies into an awful Adoration of him who lives for ever.

Thus through a Variety of Services she laboured faithfully, as well in the Discipline as Ministry, so that a Memorial of her Labours has left a sweet Savour behind. In private Life, exemplary in Conduct, and in the near Relation of Wife and Mother ; in Conversation innocently chearful, yet solid and favoury, which rendred her Company very acceptable.

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For some Weeks before her Death she was confined to her Bed, under such bodily Affliction that she had not Strength to say much further than signifying her Satisfaction at seeing Friends, and her Unity with them : At one Time she said to a Friend who visited her, *That she was very weak in Body, but the Lord was strong ; adding, that she was easy and had Peace of Mind, her Day's Work being done.* There is no Doubt but she has laid down her Head in Peace.

She departed this Life the 3d of the Third Month 1762, aged sixty-nine Years, and was interred the 7th of the same, in Friends Burial-ground in *Lothersdale* aforesaid.

J O H N R A N S O M E, of *North-walsham* in the County of *Norfolk*, having been in his Time a lively Example of true Piety, and through a Course of a pretty many Years labour'd for its Promotion ; and which he continued till Illness deprived him of his Faculties, and by which Means we are deprived of any Expressions from him in his last Illness.

That such an Example should not be lost, as an Incitement to future Generations to fill

up every Duty, and be truly serviceable also in their Day, the following Abstract of a Testimony from the Quarterly-meeting of *Norfolk* concerning him, is here inserted, viz.

“ He was educated in the Profession of
 “ Truth, and in his young and tender
 “ Years reached by the Extendings of
 “ Divine Love, and happily closing in
 “ therewith, he soon gave ample Proofs
 “ of its Efficacy, that as he grew in Years,
 “ he grew in the Knowledge and Obedience
 “ of Truth,

“ He came forth in the Ministry about
 “ the twenty - eighth Year of his Age ;
 “ many were the precious Gifts bestowed
 “ upon him, and the Testimony given him
 “ to bear was truly comfortable ; his Open-
 “ ings deep and instructive, and he be-
 “ came an Instrument of singular Benefit
 “ to many, from a true Sense that was
 “ given him of their States and Con-
 “ ditions.

“ As an Elder and Overseer he was
 “ without Rebuke, his Mind being filled
 “ with unbounded Charity and Love,
 “ Counsel and Reproof were well received
 “ from him ; and as he felt deeply for the
 “ Infirmities

“ Infirmities of all, so he expos’d the Fail-
 “ ings of none. Thus eminently cover’d
 “ with the Spirit of Healing, he seldom
 “ met with an Obstinacy able to withstand
 “ it. He never design’d Offence to any,
 “ and if through Misapprehension it was
 “ conceived, he was unwearied in his Ap-
 “ plication to remove it ; strong in the
 “ Truth, yet for the Sake of it, subject to
 “ the Weakest ; suffering all Things, and
 “ in Condescension sacrificing every selfish
 “ Consideration to their Help. He loved
 “ Mankind in Truth, and thus qualified,
 “ he became a Pattern in Word and Conver-
 “ sation, adorning the Gospel he preach’d.
 “ He was endued with a large Share of
 “ natural Understanding, which being sanc-
 “ tified by the great and good Hand that
 “ blessed him with it, rendred him very
 “ successful in putting an End to Differences
 “ among his Neighbours and Friends.

“ And in the nearest Connections of Life
 “ he was equally exemplary, being a tender
 “ loving Husband, an indulgent Parent, an
 “ affectionate Relation, and strictly regard-
 “ ful of every Duty towards his Servants,
 “ his Care over whom was attended with
 “ singular good Consequences : In these and
 “ many other Respects, the Loss of him is
 “ sensibly

“ sensibly felt by us ; but we firmly believe
 “ it is his eternal Gain.

“ His Services in the wholsom and neces-
 “ sary Discipline established in our Society
 “ were very great, both in Monthly and
 “ Quarterly-meetings.——And as he was
 “ exceeding industrious in what he believed
 “ to be his Duty, so was he likewise in
 “ visiting the Churches ; devoting much of
 “ his Time and outward Substance to that
 “ Service, more particularly in the last ten
 “ or twelve Years of his Life.

“ He constantly attended the Service of
 “ the Yearly-meeting in *London* for many
 “ Years ; the last Time of his being there
 “ he was seized with that Illness which con-
 “ cluded his natural Life ; notwithstanding
 “ his Indisposition, he visited several large
 “ Meetings in *Hertfordshire, Essex and Suff-*
 “ *olk.* He got to his own Dwelling-house
 “ at *Northwalsham* the 20th of the Sixth
 “ Month, and departed this Life the 2d of
 “ the Seventh Month 1762, in the fifty-
 “ second Year of his Age.

“ His Body was interred on the 6th of the
 “ same, in Friends Burial-ground there ; a
 “ very large Concourse of Friends and others,
 “ attending the solemn Occasion.”

A G N E S

AGNES HALL, Daughter of *William and Dorothy Kidd*, of *Settle* in the County of *York*, gave early Tokens of a religious Inclination and filial Affection ; being very serviceable in her Youth to her infirm Mother, during her Widowhood, in bringing up a pretty numerous Family of Children, she being the Eldest, her Father dying when she was about seventeen. Her Conduct may be truly said to be exemplary in Plainness, Moderation and Industry ; in Benevolence and unaffected Piety ; being of a meek and quiet Disposition, her Words few and savory, which made her Company truly valuable.

About the thirty-seventh Year of her Age, she had to preach the Glad-tidings of the Gospel, though not large or frequent for some Years, yet was seasonable, sweet and edifying, much tending to encourage the Youth to give up the Prime of Life to the Service of Truth ; having to acknowledge her Thankfulness to the Almighty, that he had wrought a Willingness in her Heart in her early Days to bow to his Yoke, which she found by blessed Experience to be easy, and his Burthen light.

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She never travelled much in the Work of the Ministry ; but was a diligent Attender of Meetings near Home, and very serviceable in the Management of the Affairs of the Church.

Her Indisposition of Body rendred her unable to get to Meetings for a Year before she died : When Friends visited her, tho' she lamented her lonely Situation, and being deprived of getting to Meetings, yet she had at Times to rejoice that she felt the great I AM to be near ; he that had been the Stay of her Youth, to be a Staff to lean upon in old Age, and to bear her up with Patience, under great Affliction of Body, in a lively Hope and Assurance of a Resting-place amongst the Righteous.

A Friend visiting her a little before her Death, she was much affected with a Sense of the great Declension in the Church, and of many Superfluities that were crept in, which our ancient Friends had to take up their Cross unto, and bear their Testimony against, the Thoughts whereof much discouraged her ; being convinced our Principle remain'd the same, and that we had no nearer Way now to the Fold of Rest than they had.

About an Hour before her Death, several Friends visiting her, she being set up in Bed, in a lively Frame of Mind, expressed her great Satisfaction in their Company, *That she sensibly witnessed the Good-will of her heavenly Father to be near, which she had valued all her Life long ;* under the Influence whereof she rejoiced and was comforted, and was strongly engaged on the Youth's Account (some young Friends being present) *That they might chuse Truth for their Portion, and Jacob's God for the Lot of their Inheritance, which far exceeded every Thing this transitory World would afford ;* and was sorry *she had not had more frequent Opportunities of their Company while she had Strength to express her Warmth of Desire for their Growth in the best Things, that would stand them in stead when every Thing else would fail :* And when they took their Leave, she said, *She was glad of that Opportunity, and if she never saw them more, she hoped they should meet in a better Place.*

She was soon after got up in a Chair, where in a few Minutes she quietly departed this Life on the 1st of the Eighth Month 1762. Aged seventy-six Years. And was decently interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Settle* the 4th of the same.

SARAH MARSDEN, Wife of *Caleb Marsden*, of *Highflatts*, within the Compass of *Pontefract* Monthly-meeting, was born in the Year 1706, and being favour'd with a religious Education, and the Visitations of Truth in her young Years, by yielding Obedience thereto she became a sober, grave, discreet young Woman, a diligent Attender of Meetings, and honestly labouring to improve her Time therein.

About the Year 1749, it pleased the Lord to call her into the Work of the Ministry, which she in great Fear and Tenderness gave up to; and altho' never large in Testimony, yet she was plain, sound and edifying, rather backward in her publick Appearances, and *afraid* (as she said) *to awake her Beloved till he pleased*; but when she felt the holy Fire burn, then she offer'd her Gift, and was careful when that abated to sit down in Meetings, where too many are intent on Words; she was a diligent Labourer in Spirit, her very Countenance being awful and affecting, and like the worthy Elders and Nobles of the People, *Numb. xxi. 18.* digging as with the Staff the Lord had given her, and sometimes
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broke forth in solemn Supplication to the great Law-giver, that the Well of Life might spring up, which at Times she was the happy Instrument of effecting to the Consolation of the Right-minded.

She was naturally of an affable, peaceable Disposition, an affectionate Wife, a tender Mother, and weightily concerned to train up her Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord ; kind to her Friends, charitable to the Poor, and an Example of Humility, Self-denial and Resignation to the Divine Will, and also of Industry and a prudent Management of the Affairs of this Life.

Her last Illness was long and tedious, which she endured with much Patience and Resignation ; saying, *My Body is full of Pain, yea, more than I can well bear ; O the sad State of those in my weak Condition, who want Peace of Mind ! But for ever blessed be my God, who now on my sick Bed answers the Desire of my Mind, in giving me an Evidence of my Peace with him, having nothing to do but to bear with Patience the painful Afflictions that are permitted to attend me ; I find it Work enough to struggle with Nature, one had need have nothing else to do. My Breathing and Travail of Soul hath often been to the Lord that he would let me see my Duty and give me*

Strength to perform it. If I had my Time to spend over again, I know not that I could spend it much better ; I can truly say, I have never been too forward in my Appearances in Meetings, and other Things relating to the Society ; but always in great Fear, which sometimes hath been so great that I have been too backward and hurt myself thereby.

To some Friends present, she said, Dear Friends, stand in your Lots, fear not Man, come up in your proper Places, and the God of Peace will be with you, and strengthen you to perform and come up in the Way of your Duty to him, and one unto another ; and so you will be preserved in the pure Love and Unity of the one Spirit,

At another Time a Friend called to see her, to whom she said, Thou and I have been very near one unto another, O my Body is full of Pain ! I am sometimes ready to say, Lord ! What have I done ? I want to be eased and dissolved : My Stay here seems very long, at Morning I wish for Night, at Night I long for Morning ; but yet blessed be my God, I feel his Hand is underneath, and he bears up my Spirit, or I could not tell how to endure my Affliction,

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At another Time, being very weak, she said to her Husband and Children, *At the Time of my Departure be as still as you can, and feel for yourselves, and do not mourn to excess, for all will be well: Do not mourn for me; but rather rejoice when I am delivered from these Pains, for my Change will be a happy one.*

One Evening lying very still, those that attended her thought she had been going to depart; but after some Time she opened her Eyes, and seeing her Relations standing by her, she raised her Voice in a surprizing Manner, and said, *I am intirely sensible, and behold you every one, and glad I am to depart in Peace;* and took her solemn Farewel of all present, in a very loving, affecting and chearful Manner, those present thinking the Time of her Departure had been very near; but she continued some Days longer, mostly lying in a still, quiet, peaceable and resigned Frame of Mind, patiently waiting her Dissolution; and near her Conclusion, her Voice being very weak, she was heard to say, *O that my sweet Redeemer would come and take me to himself! Do not hold me, let me go freely.*

She died the 8th of the Eighth Month 1762, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground

ground at *Highbatts*, the 11th of the same.
Aged fifty-six Years.

SAMUEL WATSON, of *Killconner* in the County of *Carlow* in *Ireland*, having been a bright and lively Pattern of true Religion and Virtue ; in order that such an Example should not be lost, the following Testimony given forth concerning him is thought meet to be inserted in this Collection, viz.

“ Our dear and well esteemed Friend
 “ *Samuel Watson*, of *Killconner* in the County
 “ of *Carlow* in *Ireland*, succeeded his worthy
 “ and honourable Father *John Watson*, of
 “ the same Place, not only in his outward
 “ Possessions there, but in a zealous Concern
 “ for the Testimony of Truth, and Support
 “ of its Cause. Blest with the great Ad-
 “ vantage of a religious Education, and
 “ made livingly sensible in his Childhood of
 “ the precious Influence of Divine Goodness
 “ extended to his Soul, he grew up in
 “ Sobriety, Circumspection, and in the Fa-
 “ vour of God and good Men, being
 “ preserved through the dangerous Path of
 “ Youth from the Evils that are in the
 “ World. When a young Man and intro-
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“ duced into Meetings of Discipline, great
 “ was the Holy Fear that attended his Mind
 “ therein, and his ardent Desire was that he
 “ might never say or do any thing against
 “ the Cause of Truth ; and as this Fear was
 “ happily kept to, he not only found it to
 “ be a Fountain of Life to preserve him
 “ from the Snares of Death, but experienced
 “ it to initiate him into the Rudiments of
 “ true Wisdom, by which in Process of
 “ Time he had Skill to rule well in the
 “ House of God. Qualified and influenced
 “ by this Wisdom, he was not only of sin-
 “ gular Service in the Monthly-meeting to
 “ which he belonged, but of eminent and
 “ memorable Use in the more general
 “ Meetings of Business (which while of
 “ Ability of Body he attended with exem-
 “ plary Diligence) in this Nation ; and was
 “ also much esteemed and well received by
 “ Friends in *England* in his Visits there ;
 “ For it had pleased the Lord to endue him
 “ in a good Measure with the Gifts and
 “ Qualifications of an Elder in his House,
 “ and a Father in the Family. Often
 “ under the fresh Influence of the Divine
 “ Anointing, he was enabled to drop living
 “ Counsel, to the affecting and tending of
 “ many Hearts, and to raise that Life in
 “ Meetings of Discipline which alone is the
 “ Crown of all our religious Assemblies.
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“ Though sharp in Reproof to those in
 “ general who trampled upon the Testimony
 “ of Truth, or lived in a carnal Security,
 “ yet he greatly rejoiced to see the Buddings
 “ forth of good Desires in any of the Youth,
 “ and was a tender nursing Father to such ;
 “ yea, strong and fervent were his Desires
 “ that the Youth amongst us, and parti-
 “ cularly his own Children and their Off-
 “ spring, might dedicate their Hearts fully
 “ to the Service of God, that there might
 “ be a Succession of faithful Members in
 “ the Church whereof Christ is the Head,
 “ following the Ancients in that self-denying
 “ Path which they had walked in : At
 “ Times observing, *That when Friends lived*
 “ *more retired and inward, the Revelation of*
 “ *the Spirit and Divine Help was witnessed in*
 “ *a larger Degree ;* often desiring in his
 “ declining Years, when his natural Strength
 “ and Faculties gradually decayed, *That he*
 “ *might never survive the inward Sense and*
 “ *Feeling of that which is the Life of the Soul :*
 “ Also sorrowfully remarking, *That some*
 “ *by grasping at the present visible Enjoyments,*
 “ *had left large Possessions to their Families ;*
 “ *but their Table had become a Snare, and to*
 “ *several there was left neither Name nor*
 “ *Memorial amongst us.*

“ In religious Visits to the Families of
 “ Friends, he was often eminently favoured
 “ and opened in suitable Counsel, in an ex-
 “ traordinary Manner ; and indeed not only
 “ on these appointed Occasions, but in more
 “ private Conference with those of his Fa-
 “ mily and his Friends : It was apparent he
 “ dwelt near the Fountain of Divine Sweet-
 “ ness, for Words of sweet Savour, Edifi-
 “ cation and Tenderneſs would often at ſuch
 “ Times flow from him.

“ To conclude, he was a careful affecti-
 “ onate Father, Huſband and Friend, help-
 “ ful in a civil as well as a religious Capacity
 “ amongſt his Neighbours, and charitable
 “ to the Poor.

“ He departed this Life in Peace, at his
 “ own Houſe in *Killconner*, the 14th of the
 “ Fifth Month 1762, and was interred in
 “ Friends Burying-ground at *Bally-trumbill*,
 “ in the County of *Carlow* aforeſaid, the
 “ 17th of the ſame. Aged ſeventy-fix
 “ Years.”

GRACE CHAMBERS, an ancient and honourable Friend, of *Kendall* in *Westmoreland*, was born at *Munckbelyden* in the County of *Durham*, and while young was virtuously inclined, and when she grew up was of a strict exemplary Life and Conversation, remarkable for her Plainness and Simplicity of Apparel, Manners and Deportment, endowed with a good Understanding and benevolent Disposition, and exerted herself to the utmost of her Power to be serviceable in her Day, which gained her an extensive Acquaintance among Friends and others, having occasionally free Access to several Families of Distinction in her Neighbourhood, to whom her affectionate Visits were acceptable and of Service, and from whom she met with that civil and courteous Behaviour which was due to One of her amiable Qualities.

She had considerable Skill in Surgery and in administering Relief in many Disorders, which she did without Fee or Reward, and was much devoted to visit the Sick and those under Affliction, to whom she was greatly helpful. Her Openness and Generosity

rosity to her Friends, and Hospitality to the Poor, were very remarkable.

In the Close of her Time she was strong and lively in her Testimony, even when bodily Strength was so much abated, that it was with Difficulty she got out to Meetings; but having been exemplary in this and other Respects, she continued so to the last.

Being far advanced in Years, and attended with the Infirmities incident to old Age, she bore all with *Christian* Patience and Resignation to the alwise disposing Hand, and finished a well-spent Life, accompanied with the Evidence of a future Well-being, at her House at *Sedgwick* near *Kendall*, the 22d of the Ninth Month 1762, and was decently interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Preston-Patrick* (the Meeting she belonged to) the 26th of the same. Aged eighty-five Years.

ALICE HALL, Wife of *Isaac Hall*, of *Little-Broughton* in *Cumberland*, was born the 30th of the Eleventh Month 1708, at *Blackhouse* in *Allendale* in *Northumberland*, and Daughter of *John* and *Isabella Fetherstone*, who being religious Friends, carefully educated their Children in the Principles of Truth ; she was early favour'd with Divine Visitations, and being obedient thereto, grew in religious Experience to a good Degree of Stability and Settlement therein ; and having receiv'd a Gift in the Ministry, through an humble Attention to the Leading of the good Shepherd, she became skilful and serviceable in the Church, and freely gave up to that Service, as she found her Mind engaged and drawn thereto.

In her unmarried State she was concern'd to visit Friends twice in *Ireland*, most Parts of *England*, *Wales* and *Scotland* ; was both a good Example in private Life, and in her publick Ministry, abiding under the seasoning Virtue, which rendred her Conversation edifying and agreeable. After her Marriage, which was in the Year 1742, she remain'd zealous for the Cause of Truth, and was
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often concerned to travel in the Service thereof, visiting several Parts of her native Land, and *Ireland* a third Time.

In the Year 1760 she found an Engagement to visit the Churches in *America*, which proved a very close Trial, in parting from her Husband and Children; but after recommending them to the Protection of that Hand which is for ever sufficient, she proceeded on her Voyage, and landed in *America* in the Tenth Month 1761, and diligently set about her Services, visiting the Provinces generally, altho' weak in Body, in Company of a Friend of *Pennsylvania*, named *Ann Newland*; and her Labours of Love through the different Provinces were to the general Satisfaction of Friends, as appears by divers Certificates transmitted from thence.

She was also enabled to visit many Meetings in the Provinces of *Pennsylvania* and the *Jerseys*, altho' under great bodily Weakness and great Exercise of Spirit; yet her meek, lowly and innocent Deportment, together with her lively and edifying Ministry, made lasting Impressions on many Minds, and rendered her Company very acceptable.

In the Course of her visit, she was an Example of great Patience and Humility,
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steady in Attention to her own Business, and prudent in Conversation, discharging her Duty faithfully in her weighty Undertaking.

A little before she was confined by Illness, she expressed to some Friends after the last publick Meeting she was able to attend, which was at *Chester* in *New-Jersey*, *That she was clear*; and altho' the Yearly-meeting at *Philadelphia* was then to be held in a few Days, she said, *She could not see she should be at it.*

She got to her Lodging at *Isaac Zane's* in *Philadelphia*, the 22d of the Ninth Month 1762, and her Distemper increasing, notwithstanding all the tender Care Affection could dictate, she expired the 6th of the Tenth Month following. She endured her last Illness, which was very sharp, without any Signs of murmuring, but in Lamb-like Patience expressed an entire Resignation in the Divine Will, whether to live or die.

Her Body was carried to one of the Meeting-houses in *Philadelphia*, and after a large and solemn Meeting was decently interred in Friends Burial-ground in the City, the 8th of the Tenth Month 1762.

BOSSALL MIDDLETON, of *Boroughbridge* in the County of *York*, having thro' a long Course of Years maintain'd a steady Testimony in Opposition to all undue Liberties, and labour'd for the Promotion of Truth, which he was enabled to do thro' Divine Experience and Obedience to the Heavenly Light ; and though through extream old Age, his Memory became impair'd for the last two or three Years of his Life, yet a short Account of him for the Encouragement of such as may hereafter read this, claims a Place in these Memoirs.

He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, and peculiarly qualified for the Support of Discipline, awfully waiting for the Arising of that Divine Power, which is unerring, to direct his Judgment.

He twice suffer'd Imprisonment by a Priest for the Non-payment of his Demands, about eleven Years, which he bore with much *Christian* Patience and Resignation, being exemplary in Suffering, and was so attended by Divine Assistance, that he fervently desired his Adversary might be forgiven.

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About the seventieth Year of his Age, his Mouth was opened in publick Testimony, which was sound, refreshing and edifying, greatly to the Satisfaction of the Right-minded ; and as he bought the Truth he was careful not to sell it, so it may be justly said, Truth and its Friends were his beloved Companions, and his Conduct among Men gain'd him Love and Esteem.

To some Friends who visited him a little before his Decease, he appeared to be in a still, quiet, sweet, composed Frame of Mind, and took his last Leave of them in his usual tender and affectionate Manner.

Much might be said of this worthy Friend ; but as his Life was a Series of close Exercises and Trials, it may suffice to say, he endured them as a Man whose Mind was wean'd from the World, having his Eye fixed on a far better Country, namely an Heavenly, into which there is no Doubt of his being entered.

He departed this Life the 8th of the Fifth Month 1763, in the ninety-sixth Year of his Age, and a Minister about twenty-seven Years, and was buried at *Burton* near *Barnsley* the 10th of the same.

JOHN

JOHNN GOODWIN, an ancient Friend at *Eskyrgeoch* in *Montgomeryshire* in *North-Wales*, was early favour'd with the blessed Visitation of Truth, and by faithfully adhering to the Dictates thereof, he experienced its Effects to be redeeming him, and purifying him as a Vessel for the great Master's Use ; so that about the twenty-seventh Year of his Age, he was called to the Work of the Ministry, in which through faithfully and diligently waiting for all-sufficient Help, he became an able Minister of the Gospel, and was instrumental to turn many from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan to the Power of God, that he might well be number'd among the Valiants of *Israel* ; often visiting the Principality of *Wales*, and in his younger Part of his Life, divers Parts of *England* : He filled up the several Duties of Life with good Repute, being an affectionate Husband, a tender Father, a good Neighbour : Also in a religious Sense, a wise nursing Father, pleasant in Conversation, yet weighty and instructive to those who enquired the Way to Sion ; when led to reprove, he was careful to abide in the Spirit of Meekness and Wisdom. He was of an upright Life and Conversation, a

servent Lover of the Cause of Truth and People of God, zealous of the Honour of Truth and the Support of its Testimony in all its Branches.

In his younger Years, when in low Circumstances, and anxious for the Support of his Family, he purposed removing to *America* (his Parents, Brother and Sisters being gone thither before) but finding a Stop in his Mind, and feeling after Divine Counsel, he found it his Place to settle in his native Land, and it livingly arose in his Heart *that the Lord would provide for him and his Family*, in which he believed; and in the Close of his Days said with Thankfulness, *The Lord had fulfilled it to him*; which is worthy of Commemoration, and may serve as a Way-mark to others who read this Account, to have their Eye to him in Faith, with whom Counsel dwells, for Direction in all their Concerns of Life.

He continued fresh and lively to old Age; and about three Weeks before his Decease, at the last publick Meeting he attended, he was enabled to bear Testimony in the Life and Power of Truth, in a remarkable Manner, to those present, amongst whom were divers not in Society with us; and after Meeting said, *He was fully clear of the People,*

People, and released from that Service ; signifying his Time here was near a Conclusion, and that now after a painful Affliction he should soon be at Rest with the Righteous, for which he long'd ; yet said, Let Patience have its perfect Work.

During his Illness he appeared to be in an Heavenly Frame of Mind, abounding with Praises to God for his continued Mercies, often expressing how valuable the Enjoyment of the Love of God is on a Dying-bed. He desired his Love might be remembered to his Brethren and Sisters in Christ, being sensible and clear in his Understanding to the last Hour.

He quietly departed this Life, as one falling into a sweet Sleep, the 7th of the Twelfth Month 1763, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground at Llwyndee, the 12th of the same. Aged about eighty-two Years.

CATHARINE BURLING, Daughter of *John* and *Ann Burling*, of the City of *New-York* in *America*, was taken ill of a slow *Fever*, which weaken'd her gradually, so that (to use her own Expressions) she was *reduced step by step*, all Means used for her Help proving ineffectual.

When she was brought low and her Recovery appear'd doubtful, she was for a Time under great Exercise of Mind concerning her future State, and prayed to the Lord for a little more Time, and that she might witness a better State ; which he was graciously pleased to answer, not long after saying, *Her Mind was changed*. She came to witness the Child's State, filled with Innocency, abounding in Love ; often saying, *My Mind is like a little Child's* ; and her Heart came to be filled with the Love of God, and in the Aboundings thereof, for several Weeks before her Departure, she was at Times enabled to declare of the Lord's Goodness to her in a wonderful Manner ; and also, to exhort many who came to visit her, to *Amendment of Life*, that when they came to lie on a sick Bed they might be made Enjoyers of that Peace she was then made

made a Partaker of ; often saying, She felt his Peace flow in her Mind as a gentle Stream, and that her Cup run over.

Though Order of Time may not be kept strictly to, yet many were the sweet Expressions which this young Woman uttered, some of which, as near as could be remembered, are as follows, viz.

Many wearisome Nights have I gone thro', and have watered my Pillow with my Tears. I was long in Doubt of my eternal Happiness, and in the Time of greatest Distress, I cried to the Lord that he would be pleased to lengthen my Time a little longer that I might be more fully prepared, and he was graciously pleased to hear and grant my Request ; and now he has been pleased to grant me a full Assurance of it, and to lengthen my Time, that I might speak of his Goodness to others, and tell what he has done for my Soul ; O Praises, Praises, Praises, be given to his great and glorious Name ! My Tongue is too short by far, O if I had the Tongue of an Angel, I could not sufficiently express my Gratitude to that gracious God who has been thus pleased to favour me in so eminent a Manner !

*My Disorder is very changeable, very flattering it would be to some, but it does not
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flatter me ; I am resign'd to the Lord's Will, let him do just as best pleaseth him with me, his poor frail Creature. A few Days ago, when I thought I was just launching into Eternity, that boundless Ocean of Eternity, I prayed to the Lord that he would be pleased to give me a little longer Time, and he was graciously pleased to hear and grant my Request. The Work of Regeneration is a great Work, I know it now experimentally, I am become a new Creature, new Thoughts, new Desires, my Affections set upon Things above ; I have a new Name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and the white Stone is given to me.

She at the same Time advised her Brothers and Sisters to Plainness of Speech and Apparel, saying, *Remember our blessed Lord, that great Pattern of Plainness, who when on Earth went up and down doing Good, and wore a Garment without Seam : He was crucified, he was nailed to the Cross for our Sins, for my Sins : O Love inexpressible !*

During the last five Weeks of her Illness, she was frequently speaking of the Lord's Goodness to her, she being favour'd in an extraordinary Manner ; often saying, *I have nothing to do with this World, O let my Time be employ'd in praising the Lord, and telling of his gracious Dealings with my Soul !*

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One Evening her Father was sitting by her Bed-side, she said to him, *Thou art my Father, but now I have another Father, I have an Heavenly Father ; I love thee dearly, but I love him much more, O he is the Chiefest of ten Thousands !*

She would often say, *I am thankful to the Lord for all his Favours conferred on me, and when I don't speak I am thankful in my Heart, and that is more than Words ; the Lord don't require Lip-honour, but when my Heart is filled I can't help speaking.*

At another Time, *Many are the Changes and Vicissitudes I do experience, and what may come next there are none of us knows ; but I am resign'd and thankful for all his Mercies, his poor frail Creature : He must do with me just as he pleases ; we should be thankful for all the Lord's Favours. I hope and pray that I may be kept thankful and humble, meek and low, before him, waiting for my Change, and a happy Change it will be to me.*

One Morning as her Mother and Sisters were putting on her Cloaths, she desired them to stop, and then expressed herself to this Effect : *I now no longer wonder that the Martyrs could sing in the Flames, I could do the same ; I think I could go through burning*
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Flames, if required, for the Love of Christ, O it is inexpressible ! And spake much more, and then prayed in an extraordinary Manner.

At another Time she spoke to the Purpose following : Now I know how precious the Soul is, O that People would prize their Time, and prepare while Health is granted them ! I bless the Lord I am prepared, if he is pleased to call me the next Moment, I am ready ; but I am thankful for the little Time he has granted me to be with you : But, O how shocking, how horribly shocking must it be for such poor Souls who are unprepared and deprived of their Senses at such a Time as this !

She often exhorted and advised many young People, at different Times, against reading Romances and idle Books, saying, It has been the greatest Trouble and Exercise of Mind to me, more than any thing I have done, it has cost me many a wearisome Night and many a bitter Tear, though I have never read but a few, and those that were deem'd the most harmless ; I know there are some who deem them innocent Amusements, and say, Those Books are instructive and there are good Morals in them : But, O must we go to such Books for good Morals ! Read the Scriptures,

tures, which are the best of all Books, and there are other good Books.

One following the Sea coming into the Room, and standing by her Bed-side, after a few Minutes she spoke to him to this Import : *Thou art one that saileth on the great Waters, and there thou may see God's Wonders in the great Deeps ; and thou art much in Company with Sailors and such like Men, and I know they are light and frothy in their Conversation ; and I desire thee to keep thy Mind watchful and near the Lord, which if thou doest, thou wilt be preserved in his Fear.*

When she mended after a severe Turn of Illness, one Evening she called her little Brothers to her, and kissed them in a very loving Manner ; and then being removed to the Bed-side, as she sat thereon she said, *O I am full of Love ! I feel a Degree of Divine Love.* A Neighbour being in the Room, noticing how easy and composed her Countenance was, she answer'd, *How can thy Countenance be sad when my Mind is at Peace ;* the Neighbour answering, *Which the World cannot give,* she return'd, *No nor take away.*

Two Neighbours not of our Society coming into the Room, she spoke to one of them, saying, *Thou sees me very weak and low, but my Mind is at Peace, sweet Heavenly Peace of Mind ; I hope and pray that thou may feel the same when thou comes to lie on a sick Bed.*

Through the Prevalence of her Distemper and for Want of Sleep, she became delirious for some Days, with small Intermissions ; and then at such Intervals she seem'd filled with Divine Love. The last Day-before her Departure, she bid her Sister tell her Mother, *I am resign'd, patiently waiting and quietly hoping for my happy Change.* A little before her Departure, she told her Father, *She was not afraid to die : Soon after she said to one of her Sisters, I feel as if I am going to Paradise.* About Noon the same Day, she desired her Mother to tell a Friend present, *That she should go easy and to Rest.*

She departed this Life without Sigh or Groan, the 16th of the Fourth Month 1764, between the Hours of eight and nine in the Evening, in the eighteenth Year of her Age, and was decently interred in Friends Burying-ground in *New-York.*

JOHN

J O H N A L D E R S O N, of *Ravenstonedale* in *Westmoreland*, was the Son of our ancient Friends *Ralph* and *Alice Alderson*, of the same Place, and was educated by them in a religious Manner, who both by Example and Precept, were signally serviceable to him in the Time of his Youth, to whom he demean'd himself, as he became truly religious, in a very dutiful Manner.

About the nineteenth Year of his Age, he was remarkably favoured with an humbling Visitation from on High, which as he kept under, he became fitted for the Work of the Ministry, into which he was called about twelve Years afterwards; wherein in a short Time he grew skilful, and labour'd with unwearied Diligence, visiting divers Parts of this Nation several Times: He also visited *Ireland* and *Scotland*; in all which there is good Reason to believe his Labours were acceptable, and of good Service to the Churches. In Time of Silence, he was close and steady in a fervent Travail of Spirit before the Lord; was often enabled to unfold the deep Mysteries of the Kingdom, and the Work of Regeneration; and also strongly to press Friends, to a steady Watch-

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fulness against the many subtil Wiles and Temptations of the Enemy of Man's Happiness.

In the Beginning of the Year 1764, altho' under great Weakness of Body, he found a Concern to pay a religious Visit to Friends in the Southern Parts of the Nation, and in Company with his beloved Friend *Anthony Mason*, he came to *London*, but under great Indisposition, being able to attend but a few Meetings in that City, in which he appeared in publick Testimony, to the Comfort and Satisfaction of many, particularly in the Meeting of Ministers and Elders ; but his natural Strength decreasing, he was confined about seventeen Weeks at the House of our Friend *Thomas Jackson*, where all necessary Care and Assistance were administered to him,

In the Course of his Illness he was led under the Influence of Divine Love, to leave a few Hints respecting the Beginning and Progress of Truth upon his Soul, and expressed himself to this Effect : " That he
 " was mercifully visited with the Day-
 " spring from on High, and in the Light
 " of the Lord it was clearly discovered to
 " him, *what he should do and what he should*
 " *abstain from* ; but being addicted to
 " youthful Follies and Vanities, he was
 " unwilling

“ unwilling to renounce them, as well as to
 “ come up in Obedience to the Advice and
 “ Admonitions of his faithful and expe-
 “ rienced Parents in the Truth. By his
 “ Disobedience he *put out the Candle which*
 “ *the Lord had lighted in his Soul*, and con-
 “ tinued for some Time to walk in Dark-
 “ ness ; in which dark and wilderiness State,
 “ the Almighty, for wise Purposes by him
 “ unseen, suffered Satan to try and prove
 “ him with *various Temptations* ; not only
 “ with the Glory of temporal Delights, but
 “ with Sins exceeding sinful in their Nature.
 “ He had received a Measure of Light and
 “ Grace, but he rebelled against it ; and
 “ though he was kept from gross Pollutions,
 “ yet his vain, light and airy Mind, and
 “ aspiring Imagination, was unwilling to
 “ submit to the Yoke of Christ to follow
 “ him in Humility and Self-denial ; and as
 “ he had by Transgression against the inward
 “ Law, which is Light, forfeited his Right
 “ to the Tree of Life, he found no Way
 “ for a Return but by the flaming Sword,
 “ which in an eminent Manner seem’d fur-
 “ bished for him in order to divide the
 “ Precious from the Vile, and which did
 “ execute the fierce Anger of the Lord upon
 “ his transgressing Nature, which was strong
 “ and unwilling to have Sin destroy’d both
 “ Root and Branch. For some Time the
 “ Lord

“ Lord executed his just Judgments so that
 “ his Terrors made him afraid that his
 “ Mercy was clear gone from him for ever,
 “ which brought him to despair of attaining
 “ Life eternal.

“ But when the Almighty (who redeems
 “ Zion through Judgment) was pleased to
 “ say, *It was enough*, and this Dispensation
 “ of Condemnation had humbled his Spirit,
 “ and bowed his Neck to the Yoke of
 “ Christ, by the powerful Operation of
 “ whose Spirit he became as Clay in the
 “ Hands of the Potter ; and though the
 “ Ministration of Condemnation had been
 “ glorious, he could now sing of *Judgment*
 “ *and Mercy*. And as he kept faithful to
 “ the Discoveries of the Light which now
 “ shone brighter to the perfect Day, he
 “ was preserved therein from turning again
 “ to Folly ; knowing by purchased Expe-
 “ rience, that all who are saved from Sin,
 “ and persevere in a Life of Righteousness,
 “ must walk steadily in the Light of the
 “ Lord.

“ While he was in the Employment of a
 “ Shepherd, being alone, he was by the
 “ Love of God so powerfully attracted to
 “ love him again, and all Mankind, that
 “ under the Sacred Influence and Holy
 “ Anointing

“ Anointing thereof, he found the Gospel
 “ of Salvation flowed universally towards
 “ all, and the Word of Life sprang and
 “ flowed in his Soul as if he had been
 “ preaching to many People.”

Thus this dear Friend became qualified for the Work of the Ministry, a Dispensation of which was given to him, that he might show unto Man the Way of Life and Salvation.

Much excellent Counsel and Advice also dropt from him, in the Course of his Illness, to Ministers and Elders in their various States and Allotments, his Understanding and Memory being preserved clear and strong to the last, being also blessed with remarkable Serenity and Calmness in that proving Season. Towards the Close of his Time, after commending every one to God, and to the Word of his Grace and good Spirit, he added, *for whose Sake, says he, I have travelled in the Deeps ; and now in the seeming Conclusion of my Time, I witness renewed Peace and Divine Refreshment, and with my languishing Breath, under the Influence of Gospel Love, I am enabled to pray for the Peace of our Zion, that Truth and Righteousness may prosper within her Gates, and the Salvation of our God may be yet appointed as Walls and Bul-*
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works about her City. This is what I continue earnestly to wish, not only for my Brethren and Fellow-members, but for every one who may receive the Invitation of God's Love, and be obedient to the Dictates of his Spirit, and so become Inhabitants of this Holy City, the City of the great King, who is ever worthy to rule and reign in the Hearts of his People : Then adding, Thus having relieved my Spirit, there remains nothing but to desire my endeared Love may be remembered to my affectionate Wife, who, says he, I desire may not grieve beyond measure, but freely resign me into the Hands of my faithful Creator ; also to my dear Children, with my dear aged Parents and Relations according to the Flesh ; telling them, that through the continued Loving-kindness of a merciful Saviour, it is well with me, and I am favoured with a comfortable Evidence, that if I am removed with the present Weakness of Body, he will receive me into the Arms of his Mercy ; and that I go to their God, and my God, to their Father and my Father, to join the Heavenly Host, in ever magnifying his Love and Mercy, who hath loved and washed us in the Blood of the immaculate Lamb : To whom, with the Father, through the Holy Spirit, be Glory, Honour and Praise, now and eternally in the Heavens. Amen.

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He departed this Life the 26th of the Fourth Month 1764, about Midnight, and his Body was interred in *Bunhill-fields* the 30th of the same, after a large and solemn Meeting at *Devonshire-house*, held for that Purpose. Aged near forty-three, and a Minister about twelve Years.

See an Account concerning him in Print, intituled, *Some useful Observations and Advices.*

STEPHEN SEDGEWICK, an ancient Friend belonging to *Bentham* Monthly-meeting in *Yorkshire*, was born about the Year 1684, and educated in the Way of Truth as professed by us, and when very young became concern'd to live a sober and religious Life, frequently seeking solitary Places to pour forth his Soul in Supplication to the Lord, that he might know an inward Acquaintance with him for himself; and as he grew in Years he grew in saving Knowledge, so that about the twentieth Year of his Age his Mouth was open'd in Ministry, and through Faithfulness he became an able Minister of the Gospel, having frequently to declare to others what the Lord had done for his Soul, to the Encouragement of the weak and sincere Mind.

He laboured diligently, and visited most of the Meetings in this Nation, *Scotland and Ireland*, and was frequently engaged in visiting the Families of Friends ; in which Service he was eminently qualified.

During the latter Part of his Life he was afflicted with bodily Weakness, yet still continued a constant Attender of Meetings, both for Worship and Discipline ; and it was clearly observable, the nearer he grew towards his final Change, the more lively and bright he grew in his Gift in the Ministry.

His Life and Conversation was remarkably regular and inoffensive, his Benevolence extended to all, whereby he obtained a good Report and Esteem.

During his last Illness he often declared to those who visited him, *That his Day's Work was done, that he had nothing to do but die, and that he was in true Peace with the Lord and all Men.*

He departed this Life the 10th of the Fifth Month 1764, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground at *Lower-Bentham*. Aged about eighty Years, a Minister sixty Years.

ELIZABETH

ELIZABETH KENDALL, late of *Manningtree* in *Essex*, was convinced of the Truth in her young and tender Years, altho' in the Beginning was not sensible what it was that followed her with Reproofs, if at any Time she missed or turned her Feet out of the Way which she was convinced she should walk in ; which brought great Anguish upon her tender Mind, and made her to seek solitary Places to pour out her Tears before the Lord, who heard her Prayers and Supplications for Preservation, and was her alone Helper.

Her Parents not being at all sensible of her Trouble of Mind, and that it was for her Soul's Sake, that it might rest in the Day of Trouble, began to be very harsh with her, by Threatning and using all Endeavours to drive her from such Thoughtfulness, fearing it would be her Ruin. But powerful was that good Hand and Arm which was made bare for her Support, so that the more her Suffering encreased the stronger she grew.

At this Time she was quite unacquainted with Friends, not knowing there was such a

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People ; but some Time after her Parents removing to a Place near which some Friends resided, she became acquainted with them, in whose Company she was often refreshed, and her afflicted Mind much comforted ; and hearing of a Meeting she found Means to get to it, in which (tho' there were but few Words spoken) she was melted down as Wax before the Fire, not wanting to hear Words ; but was sensible these were the People she was to join with, which she did for Peace-sake about the nineteenth Year of her Age. Then did her Sufferings encrease by her Parents, but in a more severe Manner from her Father, he having a great Dislike to the Name *Quaker*, saying, *I had rather she had been any thing but that*, and spoke much against them ; yet was she steady and immovable, many Times having much to say in Vindication of the Truth, but he could not bear it, therefore was more severe against her.

About the twenty-first Year of her Age, she came forth in a publick Testimony to the great Comfort and Satisfaction of Friends, which occasioned a fresh Trouble to her Parents, and made her Sufferings still greater from them ; yet it did not alter her steady Resolutions in pressing forward in that which
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brought Peace, neither occasioned her to shew any Uneasiness to her Parents.

One Day her Father being in great Warmth took her by the Arm and thrust her out at the Door, saying, *Let me never see you more if you do not leave the Quakers*; she patiently bore it and went to a Friend's House, who gladly received her 'till further Way was opened.

After some Time it pleased the Almighty to grant her Father a Visitation of the Day-spring from on High, which brought him to a Sight of his State and Condition, and made him seek a Place of Repentance: And he became willing to suffer and to endure the Cross, and betook himself to a very circum-spect Way of Life; and after a considerable Time, hearing his Daughter was to be at a Meeting near where he resided, privately got to it; in which she was favour'd to bear a living Testimony to the Truth, and was made instrumental to his being fully convinced; after Meeting he embraced her with Tears, saying, *My dear Child, bold on thy Way, fear no Man, thou art in the Right.* And from that Time he constantly went to Meetings, and continued faithful to the End of his Time; some Time after his
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Wife, one Son and another Daughter joined Friends.

After some Time she settled at *Bradfield* near *Manningtree* in *Essex*, and being freely given up to the Lord's Requirings, grew much in the Truth; her Testimony was large, lively, and powerful, to the great Comfort and Satisfaction of the Honest-hearted. She was often concerned to go forth and leave all that was near and dear to her behind; was several Times drawn to visit Friends in this Nation, once in *Ireland*, twice in *Wales* and *Scotland*, and in all was well received; appear'd much to the Consolation of the Afflicted, but as a sharp threshing Instrument to the Careless, and to the stirring up and awakening many.

A Pattern of Plainness and true Humility, zealous for promoting the Truth, having no greater Joy than to see its Professors prosper in it, nor spared any Pains to admonish or rebuke where Occasion required.

For several Years before her Decease she was attended with great bodily Weakness, yet as long as it was possible to be had to Meetings did not give it over; soon after her being disabled from attending Meetings, she was taken with something of the *Palsy*, which

which affected her Speech, so that she could not well express herself, but was sometimes understood to say, *I love, I love all*: Nothing more pleasant to her than to see her Friends. She was often retired in her Mind, Sweetness appearing in her Countenance; a Pattern of Patience, not finding Fault with what was done for her, nor heard to say, it was hard she should be afflicted with so many Weaknesses; but always appearing in an easy Frame of Mind with great Pleasantness, endeavouring to make those about her sensible she counted it a great Favour she was so provided for.

She departed this Life the 19th, and was interred the 24th of the Second Month 1765, in Friends Burial-ground at *Manningtree*, about the eightieth Year of her Age, having been a Minister fifty-eight Years.

GHARRETT VAN HASSEN, an ancient Friend of *Dublin*, was born in *Holland*, he was a signal Instance of the Mercy and long Forbearance of a gracious God, having been favour'd with a Divine and powerful Visitation about the fortieth Year of his Age, and thereby reclaim'd from a State of Unregeneracy and Sin, witnessing
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true Repentance : He join'd in Society with us the People called *Quakers*, and through Faithfulness, being led on in the Paths of Piety and Love to God and Men, he received a Gift in the Ministry in *England*, and about the Year 1737 he went to *Ireland*, and for the most Part of the Remainder of his Time resided at *Dublin*.

He was a fervent Labourer in the Ministry, and zealous in his Testimony against the inordinate Love of the World, affectionately tender to the Youth, and was often concerned for their Preservation.

He visited the Meetings of Friends in *Great-Britain* ; and in the Year 1747 he performed a Visit to most or all the Families of Friends in *Ireland*, and also to such as had by Misconduct justly incurred the Censure of the Society ; in which Labour he was well received, having extensive Charity.

During the latter Part of his Time, he was greatly afflicted with bodily Infirmities, disabling him in a great measure for publick Service ; but he still retained his Love to God and the Brethren, and at or near his Conclusion had the comfortable Assurance of his approaching Removal to a better State, which he signified by the following Expressions

Expressions among others : *I am going to your Father and my Father ; to your God and my God : I die daily, nevertheless I live, and not I, but Christ liveth in me.*

He departed this Life the 30th of the Sixth Month 1765. Aged about seventy, a Minister upwards of twenty-eight Years.

RACHEL CHANDLER, formerly PENFOLD, was born at Guilford in the County of Surry ; her Mother dying when she was young, subjected her to many Inconveniencies, which she occasionally mentioned ; but being favoured with an early Visitation of Divine Love, was preserved from the grosser Pollutions of the Age, and by gradually submitting to the sanctifying Operation of Truth, was fitted for the Work of the Ministry, and diligently labouring to improve the Talent committed to her Trust, in due Time became an able Minister of the Gospel, sound in Doctrine, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. She travelled thro' divers Parts of this Nation in full Unity with her Friends, and to the Peace and Satisfaction of her own Mind.

Her Ministry was attended with a lively Demonstration of the Spring from whence it flowed ; she was often favour'd with near Access to the Throne of Grace, in fervent Supplication for the Restoration of Zion to her primitive Purity and Beauty ; and in Commemoration of the Lord's Goodness to her through the various Dispensations of his Providence, would frequently exhort the Youth to *Remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth, and dedicate the Prime of their Days to his Service.*

She was a nursing Mother to the Tender and Well-inclined, and a true Sympathizer with the Bowed-down and Afflicted in Spirit ; but a sharp Reprover of the Rebellious and Stiff-necked ; an affectionate Friend and kind Neighbour ; a Pattern of Industry, Humility, and Self-denial ; a good Example in discharging the several relative Duties suitable to her Station and Circumstances in Life, which made her beloved both by Friends and others.

She was long afflicted with a sore Disorder, which rendred her incapable of Travelling for a considerable Time ; but she constantly attended her own Meeting, and after, when her Inability encreased, the Meeting was held at her House, where she frequently appear'd

appear'd in publick Testimony, under a living Sense that the Lord had not forsaken her in this Time of outward Affliction.

To her Husband and a Friend who came to see her, she said, *If she died then her Desire was that they would look to their own Standing, and not grieve for her, but rather rejoice she was landed safe from a World of Peril and Difficulty, a Life of Temptation and Probation; that the last Thing she had to struggle with was Death, and that was made easy, the Sting thereof being taken away.*

At another Time being in great Pain, O *if I had my Peace to make now, what should I do! It is enough to bear the Infirmities of the Body, without the Load of a guilty Conscience. Being a little easier, she said, That her Pain was often very strong, yet at Times she witnessed great Sweetness, which supported and enabled her to bear her Affliction; further adding, A little of the Balm of Gilead was very comfortable to her, and that she longed for the Time to come when she might drink large Draughts of Water from the Well of Life.*

She was several Months confined to her Bed, but bore her Affliction with remarkable Patience and Resignation, and continued

sensible to her End, departing this Life the 18th of the Fifth Month 1765, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Kingston* the 24th of the same. Aged forty-two, a Minister sixteen Years.

A few Months before her Death, she drew up a brief Memorial of the gracious Dealings of the Lord with her Soul, which she desired might be communicated to Friends, and is here annexed.

A brief Memorial of the Lord's gracious Dealings with Rachel Chandler, formerly R. Penfold, late of Esler in Surry, written by herself a few Months before her Decease, and at her particular Request communicated to Friends.

“ **W**HEN I consider that the Grave
 “ cannot celebrate the Praise that is
 “ due to the Lord, on Account of his
 “ gracious and merciful Dealings to my
 “ Soul, I am inclined to say so much on
 “ God's Behalf, as may suffice to let Man-
 “ kind know, that he of his own free
 “ Mercy first visited my Soul, when it was
 “ gone very far astray from the right Path ;
 “ and

“ and at about the seventeenth Year of
 “ my Age, laid the Axe to the Root of
 “ the corrupt Tree, and shook my sandy
 “ Foundation, so that my feeble Building,
 “ grounded on Profession and Name, was
 “ made to totter, and I to cry out in the
 “ Anguish of my Spirit, *What shall I do*
 “ *to become what I ought to be, that so I*
 “ *might obtain Favour and Peace with God !*
 “ And such was my Sorrow Night and Day,
 “ that I often wish’d I had never been born,
 “ or that I had died very young before I
 “ had Knowledge of Good and Evil ; for
 “ now that the Book of the Law was
 “ open’d, the Commandment came, Sin
 “ revived that had been hid and cover’d
 “ with a Fig-leaf Covering, and I died,
 “ and as one sensible of the Terrors of the
 “ Lord, I often cried, *O wretched Creature*
 “ *that I am ! Who shall deliver me from*
 “ *this Body of Sin and Death ?* Thus went
 “ I secretly mourning on my Way for a
 “ long Time, while my Adversary laid
 “ many Baits in my Way to catch my
 “ unwary Feet ; yet when ever I yielded to
 “ the forcible Power of Conviction, tho’
 “ in ever so trivial Things, I found Peace ;
 “ but as I had gone a great Way from the
 “ Father’s House, so I had a great Way to
 “ come back, and it took up much Time,
 “ for there was long War between the
 “ House

“ House of *Saul* and the House of *David*,
 “ but blessed be God, the Father and Foun-
 “ tain of Life, the House of *David* grew
 “ stronger as the House of *Saul* grew
 “ weaker, so that in Time my Enemies
 “ were discomfitted, and what I had seen
 “ and heard in secret at the Bottom of
 “ Jordan and in the Depth of the Sea, was
 “ I requir’d to proclaim as on the House-
 “ top ; which was so weighty an Engage-
 “ ment that it took up much Time to be
 “ fitted for, least not being rightly pre-
 “ pared I should be drawn in a forward
 “ Zeal to do that which was not required
 “ of me, as poor *Uzzah* did, or being
 “ rightly anointed, yet through a forward
 “ Mind to be doing, should be hastily drawn
 “ to offer Sacrifice before *Samuel* came ; so
 “ that after repeated Manifestations and
 “ convincing Circumstances had been af-
 “ forded, yet the confirming Evidence be-
 “ ing wanting, I durst not appear in publick
 “ Testimony for God, until *Gideon*-like, I
 “ had tried the Fleece every Way, by which
 “ the Long-forbearance of the Lord was
 “ discovered to me-ward, who knew my
 “ with-holding was not from obstinate Re-
 “ bellion, but through Fear of taking that
 “ on me which I was not called to, and
 “ that my Desire in doing his Work was
 “ that I might be his Servant, and found
 “ answering

“ answering the End for which I was made,
 “ that rightly improving my Talent, I
 “ might at last have an Entrance into the
 “ Joy of my Lord : And at length having
 “ waited the Season for the accomplishing
 “ the Work of manifesting my Love by
 “ my Obedience, I gave up in great
 “ Weakness and Trembling to speak a few
 “ Words in Meetings in the twenty-sixth
 “ Year of my Age, and had great Peace in
 “ so doing ; and altho’ I have never been
 “ called to much Service, yet having one
 “ Talent committed to my Trust, I have
 “ found an absolute Necessity to improve
 “ the small Portion of Grace received, and
 “ also to watch and guard against Temptations,
 “ which I have had my Share of
 “ many Ways, but find none more dangerous
 “ nor subtil than Self, the most cruel
 “ Foe, of which I am the more free to
 “ speak in order to inform others, that they
 “ may beware and not attribute that Honour
 “ to Self which belongs to God : I have
 “ seen it in many Shapes, had many a
 “ Combat with it, and do rejoice in this,
 “ to see it under Foot and the Lord to be
 “ uppermost, there Self is of no Reputation ;
 “ and that I may still witness this,
 “ that as my Eye has been steadily fixed on
 “ my good Guide, who first found me out
 “ when alone in a desert Land, and a Con-
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“ cern hath been raised to follow him only
 “ in the Way of his Leadings, so he also
 “ may have the Glory and Praise in the
 “ conducting me safe thus far on my Jour-
 “ ney through many Difficulties and Straits,
 “ which but only to look back upon makes
 “ me shudder at them, insomuch that ap-
 “ proaching Death appears a pleasant Re-
 “ lease from a World of Trials and Beset-
 “ ments, which while here we are liable to ;
 “ and am ready to conclude my Work is
 “ almost done, my Day near at an End,
 “ my Sun nigh setting, in which the Curtain
 “ of the Night will be drawn over my earth-
 “ ly Tabernacle, which Pain and Weakness
 “ make to shake, so that I suppose what I
 “ do, I had need do quickly, for no Device
 “ or Work can there be done when the
 “ Spirit is departed ; wherefore having Love
 “ to my Fellow Citizens, as well as Good-
 “ will to Strangers, am willing for their
 “ Encouragement to leave this small Hint
 “ of the Goodness of God to a poor Worm,
 “ who am far from being able to speak one
 “ Half of what hath been done for me,
 “ only that Men may glorify God when
 “ they find my Footsteps, and consider that
 “ as weak as I have been, yet the great
 “ Condescension of Divine Wisdom and
 “ Omnipotence is such, that now being
 “ confined as a Prisoner at Home by my
 “ incurable

“ incurable Malady in the Flesh, my Spirit’s
 “ at Liberty to praise God and give Glory
 “ to him, under a renewed Sense that I have
 “ so far fought the good Fight, and have
 “ been hitherto helped to keep the Faith,
 “ and I feel Peace to be my Reward, which
 “ makes ample Amends for all my Sorrows,
 “ yea, and present Pain, *Hallelujah to God*
 “ *on High, Peace on Earth, and Goodwill to*
 “ *Men*, faith my Soul : O let all cleave to
 “ him as to a most sure and certain Guide,
 “ who will not leave his comfortless, blessed
 “ be his Name ! but will come again and
 “ cause them to rejoice, and their Joy shall
 “ exceed the Joy of Harvest, when Corn
 “ and Wine increase.

“ RACHEL CHANDLER.

“ Esther, Ninth Month 1764.”

DAVID COULSON, was born
 at Nottingham, the 9th of the Fourth
 Month 1713, of religious Parents, and edu-
 cated in the Way of Truth ; in his Youth
 was strongly addicted to vain Amusements
 and Company, gratifying himself therein
 for some Years ; his Father dying when he
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his tender Mother, who with many Tears fought his Reformation, and which often affected him for a short Space ; but still his Inclination to Vanity was so great, that he stifled the Convictions of Truth.

About the twenty-first Year of his Age, happening to lodge in a damp Bed, an Inflammation in his Eyes followed, by which he lost his Sight, and being visited with Sickness was reduced very low ; nevertheless he did not break off from his Companions, their vain Conversation serving for an Excuse to divert him in his dull Situation, and altho' Pain and Sorrow of Heart were often his Portion, yet it was hard for him to take up the Cross and follow Christ in the Way of Self-denial, until about the twenty-sixth Year of his Age, when a powerful Visitation was extended, that he dared no longer to resist, and he had to see that if he did not join in therewith, it would be the last Visitation that would be afforded, he therefore consulted not with Flesh and Blood, but gave up to the Heavenly Vision ; of the Humiliation of which Day he would often speak with Reverence and Gratitude.

About the thirty-third Year of his Age, his Mouth was first opened to declare to others what God had done for his Soul, and
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a Concern was soon raised in him to visit the Churches, which notwithstanding his Want of Sight he gave up to, and excepting *Kent* and *Suffex*, he visited all the Counties in *England*, and some of them divers Times ; and thro' the merciful Care and Protection of his great Lord and Master, he was so preserved as never to meet with any Fall or Accident to lay him up one Day in all his Travels.

For some Years before his Death, he was afflicted with a sharp painful Disorder in his Stomach and Bowels, which rendred Travelling on Horse-back impracticable, yet occasionally attended some neighbouring or the Quarterly-meetings he belonged to ; under all which he had to remark, *That he had not neglected his Day's Work, in which, he said, he found Peace, and that he could say without Boasting, he never had omitted any thing that he apprehended his Duty.*

The next Day after his Return from the Circular-meeting at *Stourbridge* he was taken ill, and continued so for some Time, but at Times got out to Meetings. On the 24th of the Eleventh Month 1765, in the Afternoon he went to Meeting, and in the Evening had an acceptable Time in the Family, in which the Divine Life spread like to the

Odour of the precious Ointment to the affecting many Minds.

In the Course of his Illness he dropt many Heavenly Expressions, some of which follow :

O ! it is a good Thing to live near the Lord while in Health, for I find it now enough to do to grapple with the Pain of the Body ; but I thank God I am quite easy whether I live or die, Death is no Terror, for my Life is in Christ, and the Lord sweeteneth every bitter Cup : But it is not so with those who follow lying Vanities, for they are forsaking their own Mercies. The Lord can bring low and can raise again at his Pleasure. If I should at this Time be restored, I hope I shall be more redeemed and brought nearer the Lord in that pure Covenant of Life. I often think what will become of them that are lukewarm in Religion, for if we keep ever so near the Lord, and serve him with all our Mind and Strength, we have nothing to spare, no, no ; we are but unprofitable Servants, we have done but that which is our Duty. I pray God support me under all the Trials and Exercises of this Day.

To one who attended him, he said to this Effect : *Keep near the Lord and seek him with*
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all thy Heart, for thou knows not how soon the Messenger may come, whether at Midnight, at Cockcrow, or at the Dawning of the Day. O let nothing hinder thee from seeking him ! Look not at thy Poverty, for what signifies all the Greatness and Riches of this World, if we keep near the Lord he can be abundantly more than this unto us.

To another he said, O poor Girl serve the Lord ! Thou canst never do any thing better ; the Lord loves an early Sacrifice, give him therefore the Sacrifice of thy Youth. I can say nothing more than to desire you to keep near the Lord, for I wish you all well ; the Lord has been my Strength and Preserver, my all in all, the Lord is my Shepherd.

To some Friends coming into the Room : Now Friends, do you think it's fit to put off Repentance to such an Hour as this ? O it is a sad Thing ! for we all know we must die, it cannot be otherwise with any. But if we take not up our daily Cross and be regenerated and born again, we cannot see the Kingdom, much less enter into it. The Lord can bring low and raise again, blessed be his Holy Name, his Holy Will be done, come Life, come Death.

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The latter Part of the Day he spoke little, but lay in a sweet Disposition, desiring to be still, was sensible to the last, and quietly departed this Life, as one going into a sweet Sleep, about the second Hour in the Morning, the 9th of the Twelfth Month 1765. Aged fifty-two, a Minister twenty Years.

LUCY ECROYD, Wife of *John Ecroyd*, of *Edge-End* in the County of *Lancaster*, and Daughter of *James* and *Ann Bradley*, of *Bromyard* in *Herefordshire*, was mercifully visited with the Manifestation of Divine Grace while very young; also the tender Care of an affectionate Parent, who watched over her Children for Good, was blessed to her in an eminent Manner: The wholesome Advice she was frequently concern'd to administer, made deep and awful Impressions on her Mind, though she was soon deprived of this great Blessing, her Mother dying when she was about thirteen Years of Age; after which being exposed to unprofitable Company, she found the Truth of the Apostle's Assertion, that *Evil Communications corrupt good Manners*; for she was thereby drawn into Vanity, leaven'd into the Spirit of this World, and too much attach'd to its fading Enjoyments. In this
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Time of Forgetfulness and Departure from her first Love, she met with many close inward Trials and outward Disappointments, finding no Rest to her weary Soul, till passing thro' Judgment (by which Zion must be redeem'd) and enduring many sore Conflicts, her Feet were mercifully turn'd into the Way of Peace.

About the nineteenth Year of her Age, her Mouth was first opened by Way of Testimony, being a good Example in Word, in Conversation, in Charity, in Faith and Purity, she adorned the Doctrine of our Lord. Much might be added to commemorate her Worth, the Innocency of her Deportment and exemplary Conduct thro' the various Parts of her Service; whether in her publick Station, or more private Service, let it suffice to say, her Heart was devoted to God, and from thence out of the good Treasures thereof, she brought forth Things new and old.

About the twenty-fourth Year of her Age she visited *London*, in Company with her beloved Friend *Rebecca Smith*, of *Nailsworth* in *Gloucestershire*, since deceased, where her Service was very acceptable, and indeed it may be recorded to the Memory of them both, they were instrumental of Good to
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many in their said Visit ; and in all her Services being carefully concern'd to keep under the Guidance of the Holy Hand which put her forth, she was kept in the right Line, conducted therein with Safety through her Service, and was favour'd with the Return of Peace in her own Bosom.

In the latter Part of her Life when in Health, she frequently intimated a Persuasion that her Race was near over, expressing a fervent Desire, *That through Divine Mercy she might be enabled by patient Continuance in Well-doing, to hold out to the End.* Thus she retain'd her Integrity to the Close of Life, ever preferring Zion's Welfare before her chiefest Joy.

In her last Illness she spoke but little, but her Patience under such great bodily Affliction, and the sweet Composure of her Countenance and Deportment, clearly evinced she had Access to the Place where Prayer is wont to be made.

She departed this Life the 26th of the First Month 1766, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground in *Marsden* in *Lancashire*. Aged forty-one Years.

JOSEPH

JOSEPH MILTHROP, a Member of *Pontefract* Monthly-meeting in *Yorkshire*, was educated in the Principles of the Church of *England*; but as he advanced towards Man's Estate, being of a thoughtful Disposition, and unsatisfied with the Principles of his Education, he, after various Researches among the different Modes of Profession, join'd himself to the *Romish* Church, and for divers Years constantly attended their Worship, and strictly observed their ceremonial Institutions, for some Time firmly believing Christ Jesus to be the Author thereof; tho' at Times he was led to believe there was a subduing of the Passions and a Renovation of Heart, which the truly Righteous experienced; also a Fruition of inward Peace, which they at Times possessed: To all which he found himself, in great measure, a Stranger, which caused him many Times secretly to mourn and pour forth earnest Prayers to the Father of Mercies, that he might become a Partaker of the same happy Experience.

While he was thus exercised it came into his Mind to go to a Meeting of the People
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called *Quakers*, for an Account of which take his own Words, in a Letter, viz.

“ I sat at Ease a long Time, yet earnestly
 “ desired that if the Lord had any particular
 “ Regard to that People, or approved of
 “ their Manner of Worship, that he would
 “ make me sensible of it ; and being thus
 “ set and grown weary of silent Waiting,
 “ Divine Power seized upon my Body, Soul
 “ and Spirit, which caused me to break out
 “ into Abundance of Tears, and my Body
 “ greatly to tremble, then said I, O Lord !
 “ *why am I thus ?* To which inward Cry
 “ of mine, something which till then I
 “ knew not (tho’ I had often felt a Measure
 “ of the same Power, tho’ never to that
 “ Degree) answer’d; *If thou did but Love*
 “ *the Lord thy God with all thy Heart,*
 “ *Mind and Soul, that Love would be so*
 “ *prevalent over thee, that it would teach*
 “ *thee what to do, and what to eschew :* O
 “ the surprizing State I then found myself
 “ in ! How was my Heart then filled with
 “ Love, Peace and Joy unspeakable and
 “ full of Glory ! Soon after an honest
 “ Friend stood up in Tears and much
 “ Trembling, and said, *It is an excellent*
 “ *Thing if we can say of a Truth, Jesus*
 “ *Christ lives in us :* These Words reached
 “ my State, I then bowed in my Mind,
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“ adoring the Divine Power that then
 “ influenced me, and said, *Dear Lord! if*
 “ *thou art he that I have long sought and*
 “ *mourn’d for, - tell me, O thou that has*
 “ *ravish’d my Heart! what I should do to*
 “ *be saved, or to continue in thy Favour?*
 “ Upon which the humble Jesus, the Divine
 “ Bridegroom of my Soul, affectionately
 “ answer’d, *I require no Rite or ceremonial*
 “ *Worship of thee, but that thou give up thy*
 “ *Heart, it’s there I would reign, it’s there*
 “ *I would rule, and there I would be wor-*
 “ *ship’d in Spirit and Truth.*”

It was some Time before he could get
 from under the Prejudices he had in Favour
 of the *Roman Church*, but continued to
 frequent both the Mass House and Friends
 Meetings, until thro’ a further Visitation by
 an instrumental Means, he was effectually
 reach’d, became a valuable and useful Mem-
 ber, exemplary in Conduct, careful to have
 the Discipline maintain’d, and at Times was
 concern’d in a short Testimony, which was
 very acceptable; a peaceable Neighbour,
 and being of extensive Knowledge, was
 capable of advising in many Cases, which he
 was always ready to do, demonstrating that
 the living Divine Principle he had embraced,
 led him to the Exercise of every *Christian*
 Virtue.

For divers Years before his Death, he was at Times sorely afflicted with the *Stone* and *Gravel*, the Acuteness of which he bore with exemplary Patience. His last Illness was short, and apparently attended with no Symptoms of Death till near the Time of his Departure, and though he was suddenly called, yet not unprepared, for being asked a little before his Death, how he was, he expressed himself thus: *I am pretty easy, tho' not without some bodily Pain, yet inward Comfort helps greatly; and added, I am weary, weary, of this World, if it would please Providence to take me to himself, O how acceptable it would be!*

He departed this Life the 3d, and was interred the 5th of the Seventh Month 1766, in Friends Burial-ground at *Burton*. Aged about fifty Years.

ALICE ALDERSON, Wife of *Ralph Alderson*, of *Ravenstonedale* in the County of *Westmoreland*, was convinced of Truth in her young Years, and carefully abiding under its Divine Teachings consistent to the Advice of the wise King *Solomon*, *Trust in the Lord with all thy Heart, and lean not to thy own Understanding*, she came

came to receive a Gift in the Ministry, and though for a considerable Time in a few Words, yet greatly to the Edification of the Church, and being faithful in a little, witnessed an Increase therein, and clothed with the Comeliness of the Gospel, she became valuable in the Lord's House, devoting the Prime and Flower of her Youth, her Middle-age and Decline of Life, to his Service ; labouring diligently in the Cause of Truth, both in this Nation, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and once in *America* ; in all which her Labours of Love were well received, and tended much to the Edification of the Church. In her Ministry, though she had not much human Learning, she was frequently furnish'd with copious Expressions well adapted to the Matter she had to deliver, deep and weighty in her Delivery, and enabled to speak feelingly to the State of Meetings and Individuals. She was remarkably diligent in attending Meetings when at Home, even to old Age, often signifying that she believed none would be injured thereby in their outward Circumstances, as the Blessings of Divine Providence upon the honest Endeavours of the Faithful, would be an ample Recompence for all their Labour and seeming Loss of Time. When old Age had so far weaken'd her Constitution that she could no longer attend Meetings, she retain'd the Divine

Anointing

Anointing which had been her Support thro' the various Stages of Life.

The last Meeting she was at, being the Day she took to her Bed, she had to revive the encouraging Invitation of the Prophet *Hosea*, *Come and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn and he will heal us; he hath smitten and he will bind us up; after two Days will he revive us, in the third Day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his Sight: Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord, his Going forth is prepared as the Morning, and he shall come unto us as the Rain, as the latter and former Rain unto the Earth.* Hosea vi. 1, 2, 3.

A few Days before her Departure, when some Friends were sitting by her, she was remarkably favour'd with the Overshadowing of Divine Goodness, wherein she had weightily to caution Ministers and Elders to be exceeding watchful over their own Spirits, strongly advising them to live in the Bond of Love and Unity, signifying she clearly saw the subtil Enemy of Man's Happiness endeavouring to draw them aside, in order to mar or deface that Work which Divine Providence allotted them to be engaged in; saying, *That the Lord had permitted her to be buffeted and brought low, even to the Gates*
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of Hell, and had again in great Mercy lifted up her Head and given her the glorious Earnest of eternal Happiness ; concluding in fervent Prayer for the small Meeting she was a Member of, and for all the small Gatherings of the Lord's People the World over.

In the Time of her Illness she was afflicted with exceeding sharp Pain, which she bore with great Resignation, often praying for Patience to bear what might be permitted to be laid on her. A Divine Serenity and Sweetness accompanied her last Moments, that indeed it might be said her Sun went down in Brightness.

She departed this Life on the 15th of the Eighth Month 1766, and was honourably interred in Friends Burial-ground the 18th of the same at *Ravenstonedale*, accompanied by many Friends and others. Aged eighty-eight, a Minister sixty Years.

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MARY WARING, late Wife of *Jeremiah Waring*, of *Wandsworth* in the County of *Surry*, and Widow of *Daniel Weston*, of *Ratcliffe*, was the Daughter of *Joseph Pace*, of *Southwark*, being favour'd with an early Visitation of Divine Love, she was clearly convinced of the evil Tendency of those undue Liberties whereby too many of our unwary Youth have been ensnared and gone astray ; and as she submitted to the sanctifying Operation of Truth, her Mind was redeem'd from a vain Conversation, and gradually fitted for the Work of the Ministry ; and being careful to improve the Gift received, she became an able Minister of the Gospel, sound in Doctrine and skilful in dividing the Word aright.

She travelled much in the Service of Truth, having at sundry Times visited Friends in most of the Counties of *England* and *Wales*, and once most of the Colonies on the Continent of *America* ; in all which her Service was acceptable, and she labour'd much for the Preservation of good Order and Discipline in the Church. Of an open, generous and charitable Disposition, a Lover of Truth
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and the Friends of it, and was much beloved by them.

In her last Illness, which was lingering and painful, being confined from Meeting about six Months, she was favour'd with some acceptable Visits from divers of her Friends, and would frequently say to them, *That her Mind was preserved in a calm, peaceable Resignation to the Divine Will.*

Among other Expressions of Weight which she utter'd, the following are remembered, viz. *That she believed herself near her End, for she did not see that she had any thing more of religious Duties to do* (meaning of a publick Nature) *for, said she, when I look at our own Meeting, I seem to have no Concern there; and whereas I used to be anxious about the Quarterly-meetings, I now scarce think of them; yet, added, I wish well to the Cause, and believe it will prosper, but that a trying Day will come first.*

She departed this Life at *Wandsworth*, the 9th of the Tenth Month 1766, and was buried at *Ratcliffe* near *London* the 16th of the same, attended by many Friends. Aged fifty-four, a Minister thirty Years.

CANDIA CORBYN, Wife of *John Corbyn*, of the City of *Worcester*, was born about the Year 1671, at *Pontypool* in *Monmouthshire*, and about the eighteenth Year of her Age, was reached by Truth through the powerful Ministry of *Thomas Wilson*, which taking deep Root in her Heart she brought forth good Fruits.

In a few Years she received a Gift in the Ministry, in the Exercise of which she was found and clear, and evidently favoured with the Renewings of that Divine Life which preserved her fresh and green; being often tenderly concern'd both in Testimony and Supplication on Behalf of the Youth, that their tender Minds might be preserved from the many Snares that lie in the Way, and be so formed and enlarged by the Divine Hand, as to become living Branches in the true Vine and serviceable Members in Society.

She was frequently engaged to bear Testimony to the Universality and Sufficiency of the Grace of God, extended through the *Christian* Dispensation, to all Mankind; and she earnestly labour'd that Friends would retain

retain a grateful Sense of the Liberties we now enjoy, to hold our religious Meetings without Molestation ; often recounting the many Hardships, which she well remembered, our ancient Friends were permitted to undergo for the Trial of their Faith.

She continued a diligent Attender of Meetings both for Worship and Discipline, in Love and Charity as a Mother in *Israel*, faithfully discharging her Duty towards all, hospitable to Strangers, a Friend to all, especially the Poor, Fatherless and Widow ; in her Connections in Life, a steady Pattern of Piety and Virtue, so that it may be said, in Doctrine and Practice, the Dew of Heaven rested on her Branches even to very advanced Age.

Her last illness being but short, she calmly departed this Life the 28th of the Fourth Month 1767, and her Remains were decently interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Worcester* the 3d of the Fifth Month following: Aged ninety-six, a Minister seventy-three Years:

Although no Expressions of this ancient Friend are preserved, yet as through a long Course of Years she was preserved unspotted and strong in her Love, as was the Case of

Caleb formerly, the Account is worthy of Preservation, that all may see and be encouraged, that if they keep to this living Divine Principle, they will be enabled to hold out to the End.

RICHARD HIPSLEY, a Member of *Claverham* Monthly-meeting in the County of *Somerset*, was born in the Parish of *Church-bill* in the said County about the Year 1708, his Parents were religious faithful Friends, who carefully educated him in the Way of Truth, and as he grew in Years he grew in Grace, by which his Understanding was opened and enlarged, that about the thirty fifth Year of his Age his Mouth was first opened in a publick Testimony, in which he was very diffident and cautious. And the Lord who knew his Sincerity was pleased so to enlarge his Heart therein, that he became an able Minister, and being fitted and prepared he could no longer withhold, but was concern'd to visit divers Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*, to general Satisfaction.

He was eminently qualified to speak a Word in Season, in Monthly and Quarterly-meetings, which he was diligent in attending,
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as well as frequently the Yearly-meeting in *London*.

He was a Man of a chearful Spirit, pleasant and affable in Conversation, a good Husband and tender Father, a kind Neighbour, doing to all as he would be done unto ; his House and Heart were open to entertain his Friends.

He was afflicted with a long Illness, the *Dropsy*, and was often in great Pain, which he bore with much Patience, believing his Departure drew near, frequently expressing his Resignation to the Divine Will, and often signified to them who visited him in his Illness, *That it appeared to him that all was well, and that he had nothing to do but to die.*

He quietly departed this Life the 8th of the Fifth Month 1767, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground at *Sedcott* the 13th of the same, accompanied by a large Number of Friends and others, where several living and powerful Testimonies were borne, to the Satisfaction and Comfort of those who were present.

EDMUND

EDMUND PECKOVER, of Wells in Norfolk, was the Son of *Joseph* and *Catbarine Peckover*, both Persons of great Esteem in the Society. He was early favour'd with a divine Visitation, of which a more particular Account cannot be given than is in a Paper found in his own Hand-writing.

“ The tender Dealings,” says he, “ of
 “ the Almighty, with me in my Youth,
 “ being often fresh in my Remembrance,
 “ brings a most greatful Sense thereof over
 “ my Mind, under which I cannot but with
 “ Reverence commemorate the same. It
 “ was no small Advantage to me, that I
 “ was favour'd with religious and godly
 “ Parents, whose Concern and Care to bring
 “ me and the rest of their Children up in
 “ the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord
 “ was great : And what I look upon as very
 “ remarkable, is, that before I arrived at
 “ an Age capable to retain those good and
 “ wholsom Admonitions, which in the Wis-
 “ dom of God, they often communicated to
 “ me, I felt the good Hand of the Lord
 “ at Work in me, in a Manner suitable to
 “ my tender Capacity, impressing upon my
 “ Heart

“ Heart a living Sense of his Greatness and
 “ Goodness, which often brought me under
 “ much Awfulness and Fear, dreading to
 “ do any thing that I knew was not well-
 “ pleasing in his Sight : Herein I could
 “ distinguish that I had Peace and Satis-
 “ faction, and met with Encouragement in
 “ myself, beyond what I am able to express ;
 “ and when I had been drawn away into
 “ any thing which tended to hinder my
 “ Growth in that which I found to my Soul’s
 “ Advantage, Sorrow and Trouble took
 “ hold of me, under a Sense whereof, I
 “ often made Vows and Promises, that I
 “ would never join with the like again,
 “ which being my first Fruits before the
 “ Lord, I believe he had a tender Regard
 “ to, and often assisted me to perform those
 “ Covenants, which thro’ some good Mea-
 “ sure of Divine Influence I then entered
 “ into.

“ In the Time of this Exercise, great and
 “ many were the Conflicts I had to encounter
 “ with ; but, to the Praise of his great
 “ Name, I speak it, his compassionate
 “ fatherly Care was over me, and always
 “ attended me with such a Portion of his
 “ Divine and saving Grace, that I knew
 “ Preservation thereby thro’ Things of the
 “ most trying and pinching Nature, in the
 “ Experience

“ Experience whereof Thankfulness would
 “ arise.”

Thus through Faithfulness to the Divine Manifestations, he was early anointed to preach the Gospel, even in his Minority, while at the School of our Friend *Gilbert Thompson* (mention'd in the fore Part of this Treatise) in the fifteenth Year of his Age : And as he abode in Faithfulness he increased in his Gift, and in the Year 1714, and in the eighteenth Year of his Age, in Company with *Edward Upsher* of *Colchester*, he visited divers Counties, and also *Ireland* about the twentieth Year of his Age, in Company with *George Gibson*, as well as most Parts of this Nation, *Scotland*, *Ireland* and *America*, in the succeeding Part of his Time.

He was indeed an Elder worthy of double Honour, being of an exemplary Life and unstain'd Character, and in the Exercise of his Gift frequently opened and enlarged in Divine Counsel, and as a Cloud filled with Coelestial Rain to the reviving and Refreshment of the living Heritage of God ; zealous for the Prosperity of the Church and for the Ingathering of all, he spared not to spend himself in the Strength of his Days, and Divine Goodness was pleased to preserve him

him a strong Man and an able Minister for a long Course of Years. He usually deliver'd himself with great Fervency in the flowing forth of Divine Love upon his Spirit.

About three Years before his Decease, he received a Shock of a *Paralytic* Kind, which both in his own Apprehension and that of his Friends, seem'd to threaten him with a hasty Dissolution ; under this affecting Visitation, by the Account of a Relation who visited him the same Evening, he was graciously preserved in a broken, tender, living Frame, and expressed himself after this Manner : *That he had now the Satisfaction of a good Conscience, and of having discharged himself in the Duty required of him, according to the Ability afforded him ; declaring at the same Time, the great Consolation he inwardly enjoyed.* The next Morning after a short Sleep, and taking some little Refreshment, he was somewhat revived, and signified, *He was well pleased that his outward Affairs were settled, and was fully satisfied with the Manner in which they were ordered ; that he was entirely resigned to the Disposal of all-wise Providence, whether it might be to lengthen his Days or to take him hence ; but he felt a blessed Assurance, and found the Lord who had been his Support thro' many Trials, from his Youth to his advanced Years, still to be near*
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him, and could experimentally say, his Redeemer lived, who hath ever been the Strength of his faithful People, and who had brought to pass many Things in his no short Pilgrimage, which to outward Appearance seem'd very unlikely.

After this he lay in a sweet and quiet Frame, and his Pain lessening, he appeared pretty chearful, and in Time he became so far restored as to be able to go Abroad in a Carriage, but with considerable Difficulty to himself. And tho' in common Conversation his Apprehension and Memory seem'd much impaired, yet his publick Appearance in Meetings continued sound, consistent and favoury.

A few Months before his Death, he was rendred totally unable to attend Meetings, and continued gradually to decline, and the gracious Lord, who had been his Strength and Stay in the Prime of his Life, supported him in his last Moments, for then he appear'd to be favour'd with a comfortable Foretaste of that glorious Immortality which is prepared for the Righteous ; for tho' he was deprived of bodily Strength to speak so distinctly as usual, yet he was sufficiently understood to intimate the inexpressible Joy and Felicity that he felt, and seem'd to pass
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away as with an Heavenly Song of Divine Praise in his Mouth.

He departed this Life at *Wells*, the 19th of the Seventh Month 1767, and his Remains were interred at *Fakenham* the 22d; after a large and solemn Meeting of Relations, Friends and Neighbours. Aged about seventy-two, a Minister about fifty-seven Years.

ELIZABETH ROBERTS, late Wife of *William Roberts*, of *Edmundsbury* in *Suffolk*, was Daughter of *James Morley*, of *Wymondham* in *Norfolk*. This our Friend was early impressed with a Sense of Religion, which attending to, she grew in Grace and in the Knowledge of the Truth, and about the twenty-second Year of her Age was raised up to bear Testimony there-to, in which she faithfully laboured in much Zeal and *Christian Love* for some Years. In Conduct and Behaviour she was exemplary, as well as in Word and Doctrine instructive, devoting the Prime of her Youth and Health to the Service of Truth.

About two Years before her Decease she fell into a great Decline of bodily Strength,

which disabled her from Travelling ; but she retain'd a lively Sense of the Divine Goodness, rejoicing, *That she had in the Time of Health and Strength been diligent to do her Duty according to Ability received.*

She bore her Affliction which was great, with becoming Patience and Resignation, and the Day she died, *prayed the Lord to be with her to the last and give her an easy Passage*, which it's believed she happily experienced, passing away without any apparent Uneasiness, at the Age of forty-one Years, the 9th of the Tenth Month 1767.

K E Z I A D A Y, late Wife of *Samuel Day*, of *Stansted Mountfitchet* in the County of *Essex*, was visited in her tender Years, and being faithful, had, at Times, to recommend her Friends to the internal Teacher, and being careful not to move in the Wind, Earthquake or Fire, but waiting to hear the still small Voice, her Appearances were truly satisfactory and comfortable to the Living.

In the Course of her bodily Weakness she was enabled to bear her Affliction with Patience, and being wean'd from a Depend-
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ance on Vifibles, her Attention feem'd to be fixed on an everlafting Inheritance. She was favour'd with much Serenity, and a comfortable Evidence, *That he who had been her Support in Life, would preserve her to a happy Conclusion in his Favour, and that ſhe ſhould enter the Joy of her Lord*; her lively Exhortations and ſincere Breathings to God near her End were to the Comfort and Edification of thoſe preſent, to whom ſhe had to declare, *That the Truth had been her Preservation until that Time*; having to acknowledge the Riches of Divine Love. She deſired, *That thoſe with whom ſhe was moſt nearly connected would give her up freely, and not grieve too much, but rather rejoice in Hope*: At another Time, ſhe ſaid, *She hoped ſhe had been faithful to what had been required.*

She quietly departed this Life without Sigh or Groan, on the 20th of the Second Month 1768, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Stanſted* aforeſaid, the 28th of the ſame. Aged about twenty-eight Years, and a Miniſter about ſix Years.

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BENJAMIN TROTTER, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was born in that City about the Year 1699, and was one whom the Lord early visited and reached to by the Reproof of his Divine Light and Grace, for those youthful Vanities and corrupt Conversation which by Nature he was prone to and pursued (to the Grief of his pious Mother who was religiously concern'd to restrain him.) But as he became obedient to the renewed Visitations of the Heavenly Call, denying himself of those Things he was reprov'd for, he not only ceased from doing Evil, but learned to do well; and continuing faithful, became an Example of Plainness and Self-denial, for which he suffered much Scoffing and Mocking of those who had been his Companions in Folly; yet he neither fainted nor was turn'd aside by the Reproaches of the Ungodly, which thus fell to his Lot for his plain Testimony against their evil Conduct.

In the twenty-sixth Year of his Age, he appeared in the Work of the Ministry, and labour'd therein in much Plainness and godly Sincerity, adorning the Doctrine he preach'd by a humble circumspect Life and Conversation,

sation, being exemplary in his Diligence and Industry to labour honestly for a Livelihood, though often in much bodily Infirmary and Weakness, desiring as he sometimes expressed, *That he might owe no Man any thing but Love.* His inoffensive Openness and Affability, drawing many of different Denominations to converse with him, he had some seasonable Opportunities of admonishing and rebuking the evil Doer and evil Speaker, which he did in the Plainness of an upright Zeal for the Promotion of Piety and Virtue, tempered with true Brotherly-kindness and Charity, respecting not the Person of the Proud, nor of the Rich because of his Riches, but with *Christian* Freedom declaring the Truth to his Neighbour, and was thus in private as well as publick, a Preacher of Righteousness.

He at several Times visited most of the Meetings in the Provinces of *Pennsylvania* and *New-Jersey*, and some in the adjacent Provinces; and for upwards of forty Years was a diligent Attender of our religious Meetings in the City of *Philadelphia*, and zealously concern'd for the Maintenance of our *Christian* Discipline in Meekness and true Charity; careful in the Exercise of that Part of pure Religion, visiting the Widow and Fatherless in their Afflictions, and often
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qualified to administer Relief and Consolation to their dejected Minds.

In his publick Testimony, a little before his last Sickness, he expressed his Apprehensions, *That his Time would be short*, and fervently exhorted to *Watchfulness and Care, to keep our Lamps trimmed and our Lights burning*, and urged the *Necessity of being prepared to meet the Bridegroom, as not knowing at what Hour he would come.*

In his last Sickness, which lasted upwards of six Weeks, he underwent great Difficulty and Pain, being afflicted with the *Asthma* and *Dropfy*, which he bore with exemplary Patience and Resignation, and was never heard to utter a Murmur or Complaint, but frequently expressed his Thankfulness that he had not more Pain ; and was often engaged in Prayer, *That he might be preserved in Patience to the End*, which was graciously granted him, so that he was capable of speaking to the Comfort and Edification of those who visited him.

He departed this Life in the Third Month 1768, and after a solemn Meeting, in which several living Testimonies were borne, was interred in Friends Burial-ground in that City,

City, the 24th of the same. Aged upwards of sixty-eight Years.

REBECCA SMITH, late of *Nailsworth* in the County of *Gloucester*, was one who was a good Example in Purity of Life and Manners, sincerely loved the Truth, and diligently sought the Promotion thereof. Through the Operation of Divine Love on her Mind in her young Years, she preferred the Cause of Truth, and about the twenty-ninth Year of her Age received a Call to the Ministry, and being inwardly sensible that a Dispensation of the Gospel was committed to her, she delayed not with vain Consultations, but readily submitted to that proving Engagement, and chearfully surrendring her Will to Divine Requirings, soon grew skilful in dividing the Word; thereby evidently shewing to serious awaken'd Minds, that in this as in other religious Services, the Lord loveth a chearful Giver.

She was a diligent, exact Attender of Meetings, and there was something secretly instructive in that weighty, retired Manner in which she usually sat in them, often long in Silence, being careful to feel Divine Life precede and put forth to Service, and when

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raised in Ministry, not to exceed the Opening of the Gift : Thus her Testimony was preserved clear and edifying, truly acceptable to Friends, both at Home and Abroad where she travelled, being also serviceable in the Discipline.

Having known many deep inward Afflictions and close Refinings, she obtained the Tongue of the Learned, and often had a Word to speak in due Season. Thus serving her Generation, she fulfilled the Ministry she received to testify to the Sufficiency of Divine Grace, and finished her Course with Joy the 28th of the Eleventh Month 1768. Aged fifty-four Years.

THOMAS DANN, a Member of *Dorking* Monthly-meeting, in the County of *Surry*, was born at *Nutfield* in the said County, of honest and religious Parents. In his young Years he was much addicted to Vanity, yet by the tender Visitations of kind Providence he was preserved from gross Evils ; and as he grew to Man's Estate, thro' the same gracious Visitations, the Beauty and Comeliness of this World was stain'd in his View, and he fitted for Service, into which he was called about the thirtieth Year

Year of his Age. He was a Preacher of Righteousness, not only in Word and Doctrine, but in Life and Conversation ; a diligent Attender of Meetings for Worship and Discipline, earnestly recommending Friends to an humble Waiting on the Lord, for Counsel and Direction in the Management of the Affairs of the Church ; and tho' not concern'd to travel much Abroad, yet he visited some adjacent Counties to good Satisfaction. A just Reprover of the Libertine, but very tender to the Sincere-hearted, ready to give Advice and Counsel to those who stood in need, much concern'd for Peace, and often instrumental in composing Differences amongst his Friends and Neighbours ; a Sympathizer with the Afflicted, liberal and compassionate to the Poor, a loving Husband and tender Father, yet not indulging his Children in any thing he believed inconsistent with the Truth, a good Master and a sincere Friend.

It pleased the Lord some Time before his Departure, to give him a Sense that his Day was near at an End, his Work almost done, and that all was well with him ; and he often expressed in his Illness, *He found nothing stand in his Way* ; in the fore Part of which his Pain was very great, but he was fervently engaged to beseech the Lord to grant him

Patience, that he might endure it with becoming Resignation, which was mercifully afforded him ; for which, and the many repeated Favours received, he had to praise and magnify God's Holy Name, and to declare with *Jacob* of old, *That the Lord had been with him all his Life long* ; in which comfortable Assurance he quietly departed this Life, the 23d of the Second Month, and his Corps accompanied by many Friends and Neighbours, was decently interred at *Rygate*, the 1st of the Third Month 1769. Aged sixty-five, a Minister thirty-five Years.

J O H N B U R T O N, a Member of *Sedbergh* Monthly-meeting in *Yorkshire*, was born at *Dent* within the Compass of that Meeting, and was favoured with the Visitation of Divine Love in his young Years, whereby he came to see the Emptiness of all mere outward Profession and Performances, and that no Worship would find Acceptance with his Creator but that performed in Spirit and Truth ; under the Influences thereof he was brought into Communion with our Society, and by taking heed to the inward Anointing, and abiding faithful thereto, agreeable to 1 *John* ii. 27. he arrived to a good Degree of *Christian* Experience,

Experience, and to see the Necessity of Regeneration, the refining Hand working powerfully in him, in order to fit him for further Service, unto which he was called in the early Part of his Time, and became truly devoted to the great Master's Use, to be led and conducted according to his Requirings.

Tho' he had but little human Learning, he was often led forth in a living powerful Testimony, in Matter exceeding copious and pertinent, enabled to divide the Word aright, and to speak feelingly to the States of the People, being indued with a large Gift in the Ministry, often dipped into great Sufferings with the Seed of Life that lay oppressed in the Hearts of many ; but when he who was his Life did appear, he was as a Holy Flame to the warming and comforting the Hearts of the Afflicted, and as a sharp Sword to the Lukewarm and Careless, tender and affectionate to those who were young in the Ministry, greatly rejoicing when the Word of Life arose in them, tho' declared but in a few Expressions, treating them with much Love and Respect, lest they should sink under Discouragement.

In the Course of his *Christian* Progress he had to visit *Ireland*, and divers of the Northern

Northern Counties, and *London* several Times : He also visited the *American* Colonies ; in all which he was conducted much to the Satisfaction of Friends. Tho' of a free, chearful Disposition and Behaviour, yet was he properly guarded, being a plain Man, bearing a faithful Testimony against the Pride and vain Shew of the present Age. He was a Man that was truly engaged for the good Order of the Church, and that the Line of Discipline might be kept to, waiting in those Meetings in an humble Manner for Divine Direction, whereby he was qualified in much Love to speak with Authority and Judgment, being clear sighted in difficult Matters.

In the latter Part of his Time, he was much confined at Home through bodily Infirmities ; when visited by Friends he received them in much Love, his Mind still retaining strong and hearty Desires that the Church of Christ might flourish and appear in her ancient Beauty, and Zion keep her Garments unspotted of the World.

In the Beginning of his Illness, he in a very moving pathetic Manner, bewailed to some Friends who visited him, the Loss the Church sustained by many pursuing the
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Riches and Grandeur of this perishing World, instead of durable Riches and Righteousness.

About two Days before he died, he expressed himself to some intimate Friends who visited him, *That he had passed through many deep and humbling Baptisms in the Course of his own Experience, and on the Account of the Backsliding of many under our Name, and some of his own Family ; but now they seemed to him to be all over, being filled with Light, Divine Consolation and Peace on every hand, which was enough for all ; and that it would be the happy Experience of all such who served the Lord in Sincerity, and had Zion's Welfare at Heart : But that a fearful and terrible Day would overtake the Careless, if there was not a turning to the Lord while the Offers of Mercy were extended.*

He likewise said, *That when he believed it his Duty to leave his Family and the near Connections of Life, he had never omitted one Journey on Truth's Account, which he had then great Peace in.*

Thus this Servant of the Lord departed in Faith and full Assurance of a Resting-place with the Righteous, the 23d of the Third Month 1769, in the eighty-seventh
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Year of his Age, having been a Minister about sixty Years, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground in *Dent*, a large and solemn Meeting being held on the Occasion.

WILLIAM RECKITT, of *Wainfleet* in *Lincolnshire*, having, through a variety of Exercises and many trying Seasons, given evident Marks of Stability of Mind, and through a firm Confidence in that Hand which led him forth into Service, hath filled up his Duty; for the Encouragement of others that they also may follow the Footsteps of those that are gone, altho' under the most trying Seasons, the following Account of him claims a Place in these Memoirs.

He was born in the Year 1706 and educated among Friends, and about the thirty-sixth Year of his Age came forth in the Work of the Ministry, in much Simplicity and Innocency, to the Satisfaction of Friends, it being in the Life of Truth, the only Authority of all true Ministry, in which he laboured faithfully in divers Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*; and about the Year 1756 a Concern came on him to visit *America*, and with his Friends Unity and Con-

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currence he embarked for *Philadelphia*, but was soon after they fail'd, taken by a Privateer and carried into *Morlaix*, and he through the Favour of a *French* Merchant there, who voluntarily became his Security, was sent to *Carbaix* in *Brittany*, where he resided five Months before his Liberty was obtained ; during which he was preserved in Meekness and Innocence ; and by Accounts from thence, his Lamb-like Nature gain'd much on some of the *French* Inhabitants, and led them to treat him with much Respect, and he had several Opportunities with them to his Satisfaction, particularly with the chief Magistrate of the Town. In a Letter to a Friend he gives this Account of it :

“ He asked me many Questions concern-
 “ ing our Principles, which I answered
 “ short, but so full that he made no Ob-
 “ jections, and I was thankful in my Mind
 “ it was so, for it was somewhat difficult
 “ for the young Man my Interpreter, tho’
 “ he is always ready to assist me when I
 “ have Occasion. When I got home to
 “ my solitary Dwelling, and considered how
 “ often the Lord had appeared on my Be-
 “ half, and had been my Advocate, I was
 “ much bowed in Thankfulness before him.
 “ I much desire I may be remembered by
 “ you” meaning Friends, “ for Good, when
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“ it is well with you, for I am afraid I
 “ should not hold out to the End, or that
 “ I should bring some Dishonour to Truth :
 “ O how grievous a Thing I have thought
 “ it would be if I should now bring up an
 “ evil Report of the good Land, and so
 “ thereby discourage poor Souls that have
 “ set their Faces thither-ward ! I had rather,
 “ if it was consistent with the Will of my
 “ Heavenly Father, be gathered Home in
 “ a good Time : My Fears have all been
 “ concerning myself, for surely I never saw
 “ more of my own Weakness, it hath been
 “ indeed a searching Time to me ; and
 “ yet it springs in my Heart to say, If the
 “ Lord hath any Delight in me, he will
 “ bring me safe through all : He knows the
 “ Integrity of my Heart, I did not set out
 “ in a forward Spirit, but in his Counsel,
 “ and in it at this Time I stand ; he knows
 “ best what will be most for his own Ho-
 “ nour. And as to what will become of
 “ this earthen Tabernacle, it seems to be
 “ the least of my Care, so that I may finish
 “ my Course with Joy.”

After his Return from *France* he returned
 Home, but the Concern remaining, in about
 four Weeks he came back to *London*, and
 again embarked, and arrived safe at *Phila-*
delphia in the Year 1757, and after visiting
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most of the Provinces on that Continent, to the Comfort and Edification of Friends, he embarked for *Barbadoes*, but was again taken and carried into *Martinico*, and after about two Weeks Confinement, through the Favour of the Commissary, he embarked on board a Cartel Ship for the Island called *St. Kitts*, where he had several Meetings, and also at *Newis*, where he had two Meetings ; at one of which a Priest stood up, and addressing the People, told them, *The everlasting Gospel had been preached among them that Day* ; and recommended it to the Observation and Practice of all present : And our Friend declared, *He never felt the Power of Truth rise so high as at those Meetings*. After which, finding his Mind clear, altho' invited to stay and have more Meetings, and was told, *Many of the Inhabitants were Descendants from Friends*, he returned to *St. Kitts*, so called, and soon after embarked for *Philadelphia*, and from thence for *London*. In about three Years after, he again visited *America*, and divers Parts of this Nation.

In private Life, an affectionate Husband and tender Father, and kind Friend, adorning the Gospel with a becoming Conversation : Thus persevering on in a Course of Virtue, about a Year before his Decease, he wrote again to the Friend before mentioned in the

following Manner, which shews the Integrity of his Heart continued ;

“ The Sap of Life lies very deep in the
 “ Root, and that must be waited for in those
 “ sorrowful and pinching Times I have met
 “ with, and yet I have had a comfortable
 “ Hope raised in me of late that all would
 “ be well in the End, the Prospect of which
 “ to me hath seemed exceeding pleasant,
 “ and if fate should much desire it might be
 “ hastened ; but that’s not my proper Business
 “ to look for, or desire the Reward
 “ before the Day’s Work is finished. I
 “ have served a good Master, but have
 “ ever looked on myself one of the weakest
 “ of his Servants ; yet have endeavour’d to
 “ come up in faithful Obedience to his Will
 “ made manifest in me, and in this now I
 “ have great Peace, and an Assurance of an
 “ Inheritance that will never fade away, if
 “ I continue in the Way of well-doing to
 “ the End of the Race.”

After which he visited the City of *London*, which he often hinted he thought it might be the last Time ; but his Love and Integrity to the Cause of Truth continued, and it was evident the Fervency of his Mind was as strong as ever.

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His Illness was very short, he was taken with a Fit of the *Ague* at Night, and next Morning about Four departed this Life, the 6th of the Fourth Month 1769, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground the 9th of the same. Aged about sixty-three Years.

JOSHUA TOFT, an ancient Friend of *Leek* in *Staffordshire*, was favour'd in the early Part of his Life with the Knowledge of the blessed Truth, and by Obedience thereto became when young in Years an Example of Religion and Virtue.

His Concerns in Business at that Time requiring his being much from Home, and to be conversant with those unacquainted with the circumspect Conduct and Manner of Behaviour of the People he had join'd in Communion, he was expos'd in the youthful Part of his Life to severe and ill Treatment ; but his Mind being clothed with the Patience of the Holy Word, he experienced by its blessed Fruits of Meekness and Love, the Ignorance of foolish Men not only silenced, but sometimes their Wrath and Enmity, through his faithful Testimony, turn'd into Respect and Friendship ; and though his Beginning in the World was small, yet being
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bleſſed by Providence, whoſe is the Earth and the Fulneſs thereof, as well as the Dew of Heaven, he was ſatiſfied with a moderate Competency, and in the full Strength of Life and Flow of Buſineſs, which would have enabled him to accumulate much Wealth, with noble Fortitude, believing it to be required of him, he declined Trade, more fully to devote himſelf to his great Lord and Maſter's Service in the Goſpel-Miniſtry, into which he had been called about the thirty-ſecond Year of his Age, in which he diligently and faithfully laboured many Years in various Parts of this Nation and *Ireland*, to the Comfort and Edification of the Church and his own Peace.

Near twenty Years before his Deceafe he was diſabled from travelling much from Home, being ſeized with a Diſorder in his Head, which affected at Times his Underſtanding, and deprived him for more than fourteen Years of the latter Part of his Life of Sight ; after the Loſs of which, his Faculties became as ſtrong as before, and his Underſtanding perfect, which continued to the laſt. With exemplary Patience, Chearfulneſs and Reſignation, he bore great Affliction of Body, as well as Deprivation of Sight, ſignifying, *All that was laid upon him*
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was in Love and intended for his Good, and hoped he should receive it as such.

A Day or two before his Departure, he said, *He had been much consoled, having received a most gracious Promise, I have been with thee, I am with thee, and will be with thee.*

He quietly departed this Life the 15th of the Eighth Month 1769, aged upwards of eighty, a Minister forty-eight Years, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Leek*, on which Occasion the same ever glorious Truth that had been with him in the Beginning and Close of his Pilgrimage thro' Life, was manifested to the renewed Encouragement of many, to prove for themselves likewise, that the Gifts and Callings of God are without Repentance.

RICHARD REYNOLDS, late of *Winterburn* in *Gloucestershire*, was born at *Banbury* in the County of *Oxford*, and in his very early Years manifested a religious Disposition, and knew in some Degree the purifying Hand of Divine Goodness to fit him for Service, so that about the
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twentieth Year of his Age he appeared in the Ministry to the Satisfaction of Friends.

He resided for many Years in the City of *Bristol*, where his Business before he retreated from it to *Winterburn* lay, which he was induced to do from a Desire of withdrawing from the incumbring Pursuit of temporal Things, often expressing the Hurt sustained by an over Solitude for Things of this Life.

A considerable Time before his Decease, he was taken with a sudden Indisposition of Body as he was travelling on the Account of temporal Concerns, and his Mind became alarmed with this Instruction, *Set thy House in Order* ; to which he diligently attended, in a spiritual Sense especially.

In the Course of his Illness he appear'd much resigned to Divine Disposal, and utter'd many instructive Sayings to those who were with him very intelligibly and with clear Understanding, expressing, *That the Father's Love is the best Cordial. This is a trying Time. We had need to lay up a good Foundation against the Time to come. That the peaceful State of his Mind was all owing to Divine Goodness, for to us, O Lord ! belongeth Shame and Confusion of Face.* He was under deep
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Travail of Spirit, *That he might be thoroughly purified and made meet for the Kingdom*; and was enabled to pray, *That the Lord would lift up the Light of his Countenance, and thro' Christ forgive all his Omissions*, which there is good Reason to believe was granted. With much Sensibility he mentioned the Saying of the *Leper* to Christ, *Lord! if thou wilt thou canst make me clean*; and the gracious Answer, *I will, be thou clean*. That which lay with the greatest Weight and Dissatisfaction on his Mind was, *His having been too closely attached to worldly Things*. And a little before his Departure, he said in an affecting Manner, *Too much Assiduity! Too much Care! I might have been a better Example! So much Care and Pains alienate the Mind: The Lord is merciful, I hope he will forgive me that Sin. I would have you take Warning by me*. This last Saying he repeated with much Concern, and then laying in a composed Manner for a few Hours, quietly expired at Bath, the 8th of the Twelfth Month 1769; and was buried in Friends Burial-ground near the Friars in Bristol the 15th. Aged about sixty Years, a Minister about forty Years.

JAMES WILSON, of *Kendall*, was born in the Parish of *Kirby-Lonsdale* in *Westmoreland* in the Year 1677 ; his Parents *Edmund* and *Jane Wilson*, educated him in the Way of the Church of *England*. When young in Years his Heart was much bent to seek after real Religion, being uneasy with the dead Formalities in which he was educated, his Soul thirsting after the Enjoyment of the Lord's Presence ; he in this Time of seeking after Good, devoted much of his leisure Time to reading the Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament ; in the Perusal whereof his Mind was more informed, tendred and broken, than by all the instrumental Labour he had partook of. Some Time after being convinced of the Principles of Truth, he joined our Society ; and in the thirtieth Year of his Age he came forth in the Work of the Ministry, and was soon drawn into, and eminently qualified for much extensive Labour in the Church, and amongst the People in *Great-Britain* and *Ireland* : He devoted much of the Prime and Strength of his Life to the Service of Truth, diligently labouring in the Ability it gives both at Home and Abroad, to the Honour of the great Name and the Edification

tion of many ; frequently attending Meetings on publick Occasions, and divers appointed in fresh Places, wherein his Labours were well received, and he was made instrumental to the Convincement of many. He was very serviceable and successful in accommodating Differences amongst his Neighbours ; and having frequent Access to Persons of high Rank in Life, he was thereby very useful not only to remove Prejudices from their Minds, by opening the Doctrines and Principles most surely believed among us, but in obtaining their friendly Regard and Assistance when Occasion required : Thus he spent a long and useful Life, through many close Trials and Afflictions which attended him both within and without, he bore all with Steadiness and Resignation, and his Memory and Understanding were preserved to the Admiration of many who knew him.

Some Lines he wrote, about sixteen Years before his Decease, seem to describe the State of his Mind in succeeding Years, *viz.*

“ I am now waiting, and beseeching God
 “ Almighty to grant me the Continuance of
 “ his blessed Grace and Holy Spirit, to aid
 “ and assist me for a full Preparation for
 “ Death, and calmly to resign myself to it ;
 “ and above all, to grant me his Aid in that
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“ painful and trying Season, that I may
 “ for ever praise his Holy Name, who is
 “ for ever worthy with his dear Son, who
 “ is my dear and blessed Saviour, *Amen.*”

He departed this Life at his House in *Kendall*, the 30th of the Twelfth Month 1769, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground the 1st of the First Month 1770. Aged ninety-two, a Minister upwards of sixty Years.

DANIEL STANTON, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was born in that City about the Year 1708: His Father dying before his Birth, and his Mother a few Years after, he suffered great Trial and Hardships when very young; but being early concern'd to seek the Knowledge of God, he had a fervent Desire to attend religious Meetings, tho' subjected to many Difficulties and Discouragements before that Privilege was allowed him; yet being earnest in his Desires to obtain Divine Favour, he was eminently supported under great Conflicts and Probations, and continuing faithful to the Degrees of Light and Grace communicated, a Dispensation of the Gospel-Ministry was committed to him some Time before the Term
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of his Apprenticeship was expired ; and abiding under the sanctifying Power of Truth, he grew in his Gift and became a zealous and faithful Minister.

And though he was very exemplary in his Industry and Diligence, in labouring faithfully at his Trade to provide for his own Support, and after he married and had Children for their Maintenance, and was often concern'd to advise others to the same necessary Care ; yet he continued fervent in Spirit for the Promotion of Truth and Righteousness, so that he was soon engaged to leave Home, and the nearest Connections of Nature, to publish the Glad-tidings of the Gospel, frequently visiting the Meetings of Friends in the Province of *Pennsylvania* and the adjacent Provinces, and several Times as far as the Eastern Parts of *New-England*.

In the Year 1748, in Company with *Samuel Nottingham*, he visited the few Meetings in the Island of *Barbadoes*, and by the Way of *Antigua* to *Tortola*, where after staying some Time, they embarked for *Europe*. Their Voyage thither was attended with some singular Hazards and Danger, which occasioned their Landing in *Ireland*, where after he had visited the Meetings of Friends he embarked for *England*, and visited
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the Meetings generally in *Great-Britain* to the Comfort and Satisfaction of Friends; his meek, circumspect Conduct and Conversation, and lively edifying Ministry, rendering his Visits very acceptable and his Memory precious.

After his Return to his native Country he visited Friends in all the Southern Provinces as far as *South-Carolina*, and about two Years before his Death the Families of Friends in some Parts of *West-Jersey*, the City of *New-York* and *Long-Island*; he return'd from this Service with great Peace and Satisfaction, expressing his Apprehension, *That he was now clear of all Places, and that his Stay here was near over, having an Evidence that he had been faithfully concern'd from his Youth to fear and serve God.*

When at Home he was much employ'd in visiting the Sick and Afflicted, to whom he administred his spiritual Advice and Experience, and was often engaged in humble Prayer for their Support; and in the distributing to the Neccessitous according to his Circumstances, he manifested his benevolent Disposition. His Love to the rising Generation was very great, which he manifested by his affectionate Notice of them, and especially of those who were religiously inclined,

clined, his House being open to receive such. And his Concern was great, *That those who had the Glad-tidings of the Gospel to publish, might be true Examples to the Flock, and adorn the Doctrine they had to deliver by a circum-spect Life and Conversation.*

On the 5th Day of the Fifth Month 1770, he was violently seized with the *Bilious Cholic*, and continued in great Pain for several Days, but being somewhat easier he attended two Meetings on the First-day, in which he was much favour'd in his publick Ministry, and expressed, *That he thought his Time would not be long.* He was enabled to attend the Monthly-meeting at *Philadelphia* the 25th of the said Month, which was the last publick Meeting he was at, being the next Morning seized with a renewed Attack of the same Disorder, which increased on him for several Days; yet through all he was mercifully supported in much Resignation and Patience, rather inclining, if it was the Lord's Will, to be released.

During the Time of his Sickness, he often expressed his Concern lest his Friends should be too anxious for his Recovery, saying, *If he should live longer and through any human Frailty or Infirmary occasion any Reproach, it would be Cause of Sorrow to them.* The
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Evening of the First-day before he died, several Friends coming to see him, he spoke a considerable Time to them, having before been desirous of such an Opportunity of the Company of his Friends, to set down and wait on God, which was his great Delight. The Evening before he died, he expressed to his Friend *Israel Pemberton*, who sat up with him, his great Thankfulness, *That his Head was preserved from Pain, and his Understanding clear ; and that tho' it had been a Time of close Trial and deep Probation, he could say he felt the Evidence of Divine Support to attend him.*

He died the 28th of the Sixth Month 1770, in the sixty-second Year of his Age and forty-third of his Ministry, and the next Day his Body attended by a large Number of People of divers religious Denominations, after a Meeting being held for that Purpose, was interred in Friends Burial-ground in that City.

N. B. For a further Account of this Friend, see the Testimony given by the Monthly-meeting of *Philadelphia* of him, prefixed to his Journal, printed at *Philadelphia* in the Year 1772.

ELIZABETH ATKINSON, of *Milden-Hall* in *Suffolk*, was the Daughter of *Edward* and *Elizabeth Peachy*, of the same Place, Friends well esteemed, who gave this their Daughter a religious Education ; and while very young, she was favoured with a Divine Visitation, and yielding Obedience to the Heavenly Vision, she became qualified for her Master's Use, and receiv'd a Gift in the Ministry about the twenty-second Year of her Age. She was faithfully concerned to yield Obedience to the Manifestations of Duty, in which she experienced Peace.

When about thirty she join'd in Marriage with *Samuel Atkinson*, a Friend of the same Meeting, and some few Years after it pleased the Lord to try her in a close Manner, by dissolving this very near and dear Connexion : Thus being left a Widow with six young Children and in low Circumstances : This Dispensation of Heaven was attended with Baptisms and Exercises on many Accounts, her Situation being such that she found it necessary to use unwearied Diligence for the Support of her Family, not willing to be burthenome, but having a few Things, was

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therewith content. It does not seem her Family, whose Necessity she ever appear'd to have due Regard to, hindred her in her Gospel-Labours; but she was obedient to the Requirings and Manifestations of Duty, faithfully giving up to go on the Lord's Errands.

At the awful Approach of the undeniable Messenger of Death, she possessed a quiet Composure of Soul, often wishing *to be dissolved, to be with Christ*; yet humbly waiting the Lord's Time for the Accomplishment of his Will, and being full of Days and full of Peace, she was greatly favoured to very near the End of her Time, sensible and lively, and was frequently engaged to express, *The Lord's Goodness to her had been great and wonderful*; earnestly recommending to those who visited her, *To serve him faithfully*, and in an especial Manner to the Youth, *To dedicate the Bud and Blossom of their Days to him, for that they could not serve a better Master.*

A short Time before her Death, finding her Mind very low, was fearful she had offended; earnest were her Cries unto the Lord, *That she might not depart under a Cloud*, which he graciously answered by the renewing of his Love, and lifting up of his glorious

ous Countenance, so that she broke forth in the following Words, *Glory, Honour and high Renown be given to him, who wears the Heavenly Crown. The Lord is my Reward, and at his Right-hand are Rivers of Pleasure, and that for evermore.*

She departed this Life the 3d of the Seventh Month 1770, and was buried in Friends Burial-ground at *Milden-Hall*, the 8th of the same. Aged eighty-eight, a Minister sixty-six Years.

THOMAS MAWDITT, of *Cullumpton* in the County of *Devon*, was educated in the Way of the Church of *England*, and about the twentieth Year of his Age was convinced of the blessed Truth. By the Accounts receiv'd of him, he appear'd in the Ministry about the thirty-third Year of his Age, and his Services therein were acceptable. He was a diligent Attender of Meetings, tho' of an infirm Constitution of Body; of an exemplary Conduct among Men, and of an innocent Deportment.

Having left behind him a Narrative in Manuscript of his Convincement, the following is a Copy of it, *viz.*

“ Some Passages of my Life having of
 “ late been brought fresh in my Remem-
 “ brance, I thought proper to commit them
 “ to Writing, that others might see the
 “ great Love of God, in Christ, to my
 “ Soul, and be encouraged to follow on to
 “ know and obey him.

“ While I was young and tender in Years,
 “ the Lord was pleased to put his Fear into
 “ my Heart, which was to me the Beginning
 “ of Wisdom, because it made me careful
 “ both of my Words and Actions ; and so
 “ long as I kept upon my Watch against
 “ Sin, the Lord gave me true Peace and
 “ Quietude of Mind, but when I was un-
 “ watchful, the Tempter often prevailed
 “ with his Temptations, which brought the
 “ righteous Judgments of God upon my
 “ Soul, and made me cry unto him for
 “ Mercy and Forgiveness ; and the Lord
 “ was gracious to me, and forgave me
 “ Time after Time as I repented of the
 “ Evil, so that I can from my own Expe-
 “ rience say, *That there is Mercy with the*
 “ *Lord that he may be feared* ; and thus he
 “ gave me Strength to call upon him while
 “ he was near, and to seek him while he
 “ was to be found. He was near in Spirit,
 “ reproofing me for my Sins, altho’ I then
 “ knew him not ; and in this State I often
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“ made Covenant, *That if the Lord would*
 “ *forgive me, then I would live more watchful*
 “ *than I had hitherto* ; but as it was made
 “ in my own Will it was soon broken, and
 “ I was still under the Administration of
 “ Condemnation ; the Sense thereof often
 “ made me cry unto God, *That he would de-*
 “ *liver me from the Body of this Death* ; for
 “ in this State, when I would do Good,
 “ Evil was present with me, and I did the
 “ Things I would not ; and finding myself
 “ overcome Time after Time, notwith-
 “ standing my Endeavours to the contrary,
 “ I was ready to conclude that there was no
 “ living without Sin in the World, although
 “ I found it a Burthen too heavy to bear.

“ About this Time I began to think what
 “ People to join with, for I was not satisfied
 “ in the Way I was in, and I besought the
 “ most high God, *That he would direct me*
 “ *what People to join with* ; and while I
 “ was under this Concern of Mind, on a
 “ First-day of the Week, as I was walking
 “ to the Place of Worship in Company
 “ with two of the People called *Quakers*,
 “ one of them asked me to go with them
 “ to their Meeting, adding, that there were
 “ to be two Strangers there that Day ; and
 “ I accordingly went, and after we had
 “ sitten some Time in Silence, one of them
 “ stood

“ stood up and spoke, after that the other ;
 “ I do not remember much of what they
 “ said, but it appeared to me that their
 “ Preaching was like that of the Apostles,
 “ and that they were enabled by a Measure
 “ of the same Spirit and a Degree of the
 “ same Power ; and I also felt such a Mea-
 “ sure of that Spirit and Power which helped
 “ them in their Ministry as I never enjoyed
 “ before ; and it was to me a Day of Glad-
 “ tidings of great Joy, and my Soul did
 “ magnify the Lord, and my Spirit rejoiced
 “ in God my Saviour.

“ This gave me a full Satisfaction of
 “ Mind what People to join with, altho’ at
 “ first it did look strange to me to see a
 “ People sit in Silence as they did, for I
 “ had been feeding upon Words, until I
 “ was directed unto Christ, the Word nigh
 “ in the Heart, and to know him to be my
 “ Teacher : Thus the Lord brought me off
 “ from a Man-made Ministry unto the Mi-
 “ nister of the Sanctuary and true Taber-
 “ nacle, which God hath pitched and not
 “ Man, everlasting Praise be given to his
 “ Name. Here the Lord brought me into
 “ a State of Silence, out of my formal
 “ Prayers and Will-worship, to wait upon
 “ him, until he was pleased to help me to
 “ pray with the Spirit and with Understand-
 “ ing ;

“ ing ; but when he was pleased to shew
 “ me that I must use the singular Number,
 “ as Thou and Thee to one Person, it was
 “ as Death to me, for I saw I should be
 “ despised and rejected ; and here I found
 “ in degree that Cross which the Apostle
 “ spoke of, *that crucified to the World, and*
 “ *the World unto him* ; and until I knew my
 “ own Will in measure slain, I was not able
 “ to use it ; but when I did use it, after I
 “ believed it was required of me, I had
 “ great Peace of Mind ; and if at any Time
 “ I did not use it for Fear of offending Man,
 “ I was under Condemnation and Trouble
 “ of Mind until I did use it without Respect
 “ of Persons : I know it was the Lord’s
 “ Doing, for I did it not in Imitation but
 “ by Revelation. Neither could I any more
 “ pull off my Hat and bow to any Man :
 “ And thus the Lord led me Step by Step
 “ into Obedience unto him ; and as long as
 “ I lived in Obedience to what he was
 “ pleased to manifest unto me, I reaped
 “ that Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost,
 “ that all the Favour and Friendship of
 “ Men are not to be compared with. About
 “ this Time a Concern came upon my Mind
 “ to bear a publick Testimony in Meetings
 “ to the Truth, which made me both to
 “ fear and tremble ; whereupon I let in the
 “ Reasoner, and looked into my own Weak-
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“ nefs as a Man, and how unfit I was for
 “ so great a Work as the Work of the
 “ Ministry ; when I should have looked
 “ unto the Lord, who is able to strengthen
 “ the Weak and confirm the Feeble-minded,
 “ and which I had in Times past witnessed
 “ to my Comfort : Here it was I lost my
 “ Peace and Quiet which I had in a State of
 “ Obedience, for I went from the true Wit-
 “ nefs within, even the Spirit of Truth,
 “ which did and would have led me into
 “ all Truth, and I joined with the Rea-
 “ soner, and so erred and went astray from
 “ the Way of the Lord as a lost Sheep :
 “ Here the Enemy of Mankind got Advan-
 “ tage upon me, and I could not stand
 “ faithfully in my Testimony for the Truth
 “ as I formerly had, but grew weaker and
 “ weaker, and was tossed with a Tempest
 “ and not comforted ; yet in this sorrowful
 “ State I sometimes had a little Hope that
 “ the Lord would deliver me, which was
 “ some Stay to my Mind, and I was made
 “ to cry, *Lord ! if thou slay me yet will I*
 “ *trust in thee* ; and I would often pray
 “ unto God, *That he would restore me again,*
 “ *and that if it did please him to bring the*
 “ *like Concern upon me any more, I would*
 “ *be faithful and obedient to his Requirings ;*
 “ but this I could not attain unto, which
 “ brought me very low in my Mind, and I
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“ was almost ready to despair, for I found
 “ myself so hardened that I could not la-
 “ ment my State and Condition as formerly,
 “ so that I was afraid the Day of my Visita-
 “ tion was over, and when all Hope seemed
 “ to be lost the Word of the Lord was
 “ unto me, *As thou hast gradually fallen,*
 “ *so thou shalt gradually rise* ; which had so
 “ good Effect as to bring with it a living
 “ Hope, that was as an Anchor to my Soul,
 “ stedfast and sure, and preserved my Mind
 “ from being carried away with the Floods
 “ of Temptation, which were many and
 “ great in those Days, that it was through
 “ Faith in Christ, the Word nigh in the
 “ Heart, which I found to be quick and
 “ powerful, that I came to be restored
 “ again in due Time, unto a State of Obe-
 “ dience ; and the Lord now favoured me
 “ with many good Meetings, which made
 “ me often desire for the Meeting-time,
 “ for in my silent Waiting upon him, I
 “ found my Strength renewed : After this
 “ it was shewn me that I must alter the
 “ Place of my Sitting, and one Day as the
 “ Meeting-time drew on, I prayed to God
 “ in my Heart, *That he would favour me*
 “ *with a good Meeting* ; but the Answer
 “ was, *If thou dost not go and sit in that*
 “ *Place, how canst thou expect a good Meet-*

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“ *ing ?* For until now I was not come to a
 “ Resolution ; but now when the Meeting-
 “ time came, I went and sat in the Place
 “ shewed me, not knowing further what
 “ might be required of me, and after some
 “ Time of Silence I found a Concern of
 “ Mind to speak unto the People as follow-
 “ eth : *There is a Seed of God amongst you,*
 “ *but it lieth oppressed, &c.*

“ And now I can say after many Years
 “ Experience, *Hitherto the Lord has helped*
 “ *me, and he is not a hard Master,* as some
 “ slothful Servants have said, *for he doth*
 “ *not gather where he hath not strowed,*
 “ *neither reap where he hath not sown ;* but
 “ all that are born of that Seed which is
 “ incorruptible, and of the Word of God
 “ which liveth and abideth for ever, can say,
 “ *There is no Condemnation to them that are*
 “ *in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the*
 “ *Flesh, but after the Spirit ; for the Law*
 “ *of the Spirit of Life hath made them free*
 “ *from the Law of Sin and Death.* And
 “ here in brief have I shewn what the Lord
 “ hath done for my Soul, for it is he that
 “ hath plucked my Feet out of the miry
 “ Clay, and set them upon a Rock that was
 “ higher than I ; wherefore to him shall
 “ the Honour, Glory and Praise be given,
 “ who

“ who is over all worthy for ever and ever-
 “ more.

“ *Signed T. M. 1748.*”

In his last Illness, his Understanding and Senses were preserved, and he expressed his being refreshed in his Spirit, and as he found his End approaching he frequently desired, *If agreeable to the Will of the Almighty, that he might be released, under a well-grounded Apprehension that his Day's Work was done.*

He departed this Life the 13th of the Seventh Month 1770. Aged eighty-one, and had been a Minister about forty-eight Years.

SARAH WAGSTAFFE, of Chipping-Norton in Oxfordshire, Widow of Thomas Wagstaffe, formerly of Banbury in the same County, was born in the Year 1695, and educated in the Way of Truth, in the City of London, where her Parents lived ; and being faithful to the Dictates thereof in her young Years, she experienced its supporting Influence under many Exercises which fell to her Lot through Life, having often to remark to her Children, the Benefit thereof ; and by suitable Instructions endea-

vour'd to lead their Minds to regard its Dictates when very young, and when remote from her was often by Writing, reviving suitable Counsel to them, being herself a good Example, a tender Parent, and well beloved among her Neighbours and Friends.

Towards the Decline of her Life she was afflicted with bodily Weakness, which confined her to her Chamber for some Months before she died, which she bore with much Resignation and Patience; often desiring she might hold out to the End, which she patiently waited for. Before she became incapable, she employ'd her Pen to such of her Children as were at a Distance from her, particularly to one of her Sons, when she by Letter took her last Leave of him and his Family, she expressed herself thus :

“ That my Children and Grand-children
 “ may be so conducted through Mutability
 “ as we may all meet in Joy and Bliss, I
 “ entreat,” says she, “ in Love, that thou
 “ and thine may mind your future State
 “ above all, and let not the Hurrys of this
 “ transitory World, with all its tinsel Glare,
 “ Pride, Grandeur and Vanity, choak the
 “ good Seed, which as it is permitted to
 “ take Root, will bring forth the good
 “ Fruit, which will entitle you to Disciple-
 “ ship,

“ ship, and give you a Beauty and Glory
 “ which all these Things cannot give.

“ Dear Son, be on thy Guard and watch
 “ over thy Children ; repress all Pride,
 “ Ambition, and vain Conversation in them
 “ as much as possible. O this World’s
 “ fading Enjoyments has over-run the major
 “ Part of our Society ! How few live up
 “ to what they profess ! I write with a fer-
 “ vent Desire for all your immortal Souls,
 “ each of which is of more Value than all
 “ this World, which with all its checker’d
 “ Pleasures and Afflictions must soon end
 “ as the Bubble on the Water, and then
 “ Peace with our Maker will only stand us
 “ instead.”

At another Time, when to Appearance she grew near her End, she expressed herself to this Effect : *That her Trust and Dependance was on her almighty Protector, Saviour and Redeemer, by whose Grace she doubted not, but that she should close in Peace.*

After which she continued some Weeks, in much Quietness and Patience, until the 5th of the First Month 1771, when she quietly departed without Sigh or Groan, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Chipping-Norton* aforesaid, after a solemn Meeting,

Meeting, the 13th of the same. Aged near seventy-six Years.

A BRAHAM SHACKLETON, born at *Harden* in the Parish of *Bingley, Yorkshire*, according to the best Information was the youngest Child of *Richard* and *Sarah Shackleton* of that Place. His Mother died when he was about six Years of Age, his Father when he was about eight. Tho' deprived so early of religious Parents, the Impression made by their careful Education of him was not in vain ; he used often to commemorate the tender Care and Concern of his pious Father, how he followed him (his Son) when very young to his Bed-side, and on leaving him to his Repose, awfully recommended him to seek the Divine Blessing. And this Blessing did remarkably attend him during the Course of his Life : When very young and exposed to manifold Dangers in his Education afterwards, this Blessing followed him, and by its precious Influence, led him aside from his Companions, and in solitary Places, to seek the Lord, and to witness the Operation of his Hand.

His Employment being that of a School-master, he labour'd in it with conscientious Care

Care for many Years ; in which he had not only the Education of Children of the Members of our own Society, but also some of various Denominations, some of whom fill conspicuous Stations in the World, and retain an affectionate Regard for his Memory ; and from a Remembrance of his Diligence and Care in their Tuition, his living Example of Uprightness, Temperance and Humility, a great Regard for the Society.

And altho' in this arduous Employment he met with many Probations, yet keeping to a feeling Sense of Divine Support, he grew from Strength to Strength, and became a very useful and valuable Member of the Society ; and in the Station of an Elder, had often to minister in his own House, in the Families of Friends, and in the Church, in which Counsel dropt from him in much Tendernefs and Sweetnefs.

Thus through a Course of many Years, he was conducted in great Circumspection in a living Travail for the Prosperity of Truth, and that the Professors of it might be preserved out of hurtful Things ; had frequently to testify against such Superfluities as sometimes came in his Way, particularly a Practice too prevalent among many, that of sitting long after Dinner with Bottles and Glasses

Glasses before them, as having a Tendency to draw into many Snares.

He was also much concerned at a Custom too prevalent among Friends, of uncovering the Head by way of Ceremony upon entering into a Room, and was pained when he saw the Youth or others in that Practice : He used to say, that when he was a young Man, he durst not baulk his Testimony in that Respect, though the Cross occasioned thereby seemed as bitter as Death.

After a diligent Discharge of his laborious Employment for many Years, he became in a greater degree separated from the Cares of this Life, and devoted much of his Time in attending Meetings for Discipline in various Parts of the Nation of *Ireland*, where he was settled in his School, and also the Yearly-meeting in *London*, to the Help of his Brethren and his own Peace.

After the Death of his Wife, who had been his beloved and faithful Helpmeet many Years, and who departed this Life in cheerful Resignation, great Composure and sweet Peace, in the eightieth Year of her Age, he quitted House-keeping and retired to live with a Relation in the same Village where he was visited with his last Illness,

Illness, which he bore with great Patience, saying, *He was mercifully dealt with.*

During the Course of his Disorder and while able, he got out to Meetings, and when render'd incapable thereof, many Friends visited him, to whom he was drawn forth in sweet Counsel to the tendering of their Spirits: Many were the seasonable Opportunities of this Sort, and many sensible savoury Expressions dropt from him, which shewed his Mind was often replenished with Heavenly Oil.

A little before his Departure, he said to his Relations about him, *I have no Cause to grieve, neither would I have you; yet mentioned, He had nothing to trust to but the Mercies of the Almighty.* His Mind was often favoured with Heavenly Joy, and one Night after much Pain, he expressed with a melodious Voice, *I am well, I feel no Pain, I feel Good. O the Elders! the Elders! they should dig for the arising of the Well of Life as with the Staves in their Hands. Spring up, O Well, and I will sing unto thee!* At another Time, in a Manner similar to this, he uttered these Words, *Those that are faithful to the End shall receive a Crown, a Crown that fadeth not away; but Rebellion is as the Sin of Witchcraft.*

Much more dropt from him, but not being taken down, could not be perfectly remembered.

He departed in great Peace, the 24th of the Sixth Month 1771, and was interred the 27th of the same. Aged seventy-four Years.

J O S E P H B E V I N G T O N,
 Son of *Timothy* and *Hannah Bevington*, of the City of *Worcester*, was a young Man, who from a Child was sober and well-inclined, exemplary in his Conduct, dutiful to his Parents, and of a tender and loving Disposition; and as he grew up towards Man's Estate, gave evident Proofs of a fuitable Attention to that Divine Principle in his own Mind, by which his Conduct was so regulated, as to give Ground of Hope he would fill up his Station with Reputation to himself and Comfort to all his Friends.

He was taken ill about the 1st of the Sixth Month 1771, and his Disorder gradually increasing, his Father found his Mind engaged to go and sit by him one Evening on his going to Bed sooner than usual, and in much Tenderness expressed, That though he had hoped,

hoped, he might, in the Appointment of Providence, have been his Successor, both in the Church and in the World ; yet when Illness attacked (even one so young and healthy as him) the Issue might be doubtful, and therefore desired him to examine his Accounts and Meetness for a final Change, if the Lord should please to remove him. He, in affectionate lively Terms, expressed the Sense he had of his Father's tender Regard for him, and they parted that Evening under a sweet Sense of that Love which unites beyond the Ties of Nature.

His Distemper increasing, which proved to be a *Fever*, he was mercifully preserved sensible ; his Father and Mother being often concerned to wait on the Lord by his Bed-side, he was frequently broken into Tenderness, but did not say much.

Getting a little better, he went into the Country for the Air ; in some Conversation with a Friend there who was in a declining State, he expressed, *That he did not know how it might please Providence to deal with him ; but, said he, I had rather, if consistent with his Will, go now, than live longer and fall into any thing that might bring Dishonour to our Holy Profession.*

A near Friend visiting him, found him in Tears, and expressing her Fears least any thing had grieved him, he answered, *No, but he was looking towards another World.*

He returned out of the Country in about a Week rather poorly, and on the Morrow was seized with a shivering Fit, and sending for his Father, he with Earnestness took him by the Hand, and said, *Dear Father, I have already gone through a very trying Time, but I believe this will be much more so ; and expressing his Care for his Parents, added, He that made me has a Right to take me away when he pleases ; and I desire as he hath favoured me with much Resignation of Mind to his Will hitherto, it may continue. I have not always been so careful and circumspect in my Conduct as I ought to have been ; but lately, and especially since my Illness, I don't know that I could have done better, and trust it will be well with me.*

His Indisposition increasing, all Hopes of his Recovery was removed, in which, he being in extream Pain and Sickness, his Parents were engaged to wait on the Lord with him, who was graciously pleased to comfort their Minds ; and under this broken, humble, contrite State before him (who sustains his People in every needful Time) this be-
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loved Youth with an audible Voice, said, *O what a dreadful Day would this have been to me, if I had Cause to fear I was going to meet an angry Judge, that might say, Depart from me thou Worker of Iniquity ! But,* said he, *I have Hope in God, that I shall be admitted into his Rest.* Which much bowed the Hearts of all his near Connexions present, and helped to bear up their Spirits in that trying Season ; and soon after this dear Object of paternal Affection quietly departed this Life in his Father's Arms, having, in a good Degree, escaped the Dangers, Jeopardies and Temptations attendant on human Life, and we trust was gathered with the Beauty of Innocency upon him, to the Just of all Generations, in the twenty-first Year of his Age, on the 9th of the Seventh Month 1771, and was buried in the City of *Worcester* on the 14th of the same.

A N N G U R N E Y, Daughter of *John* and *Ann Gurney*, of the City of *Norwich*, was a comely Person, of quick Parts, and a lively Turn. Hence she early shewed a natural Inclination to Height and Gaiety, which brought a Concern upon her Parents on her Account, lest she should be carried away with the common Stream into
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Liberties of an hurtful Nature. But such was the gracious Dealing of Divine Mercy towards her, that, some Time before she was taken with her last Illness, an agreeable Alteration was observed in her Disposition and Conduct, which undoubtedly arose from the cordial Reception she had given to an Heavenly Visitation upon her Spirit ; for, in the Sequel, it evidently appeared, a State of Preparation was thereby effected, properly to endure the tedious Illness and solemn Event that ensued.

For many Months, her usual State of Health seemed, at Times, to be broke in upon, and Tokens of Infirmary appeared, which increased upon her, and at length terminated in a settled Decline.

Several Weeks before her Decease, she chearfully said to her Sisters, *My little Tenement is much shaken, and will soon be in Decay.* A while after, her Mother saying, She should be very thankful if it pleased Providence to raise her up again ; she replied, *That must be as it pleases Providence ; but I can never go with less Guilt.*

She said, *She believed Divine Goodness had often been very near to her, and supported her ; for she could not have supported herself.*

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To her Sister *Lucy*, she said, *My dear, I hope thou wilt never do any thing to grieve thy Father and Mother, and be sure do nothing against thy own Conscience. Don't grieve for me ; for tho' we have loved one another, it is right we should part.*

She acknowledged, *She had sometimes gone contrary to the Testimony of her Conscience ; but she had known Sorrow for it, and she believed, Forgiveness ; and made no Doubt, but if it pleased Providence to take her away, she should go to Heaven.*

To her Mother, she said, *I know it will be a Loss, make it but a little one.* Her Mother replying, *It is a bitter Cup, my Dear ;* she answered, *But Providence will sweeten the bitter Cup.* And on her Mother's saying, *She believed a glorious Mansion was prepared for her ;* she replied with much Earnestness, *I make no Doubt of that, and I expect to see thee and my Father there.*

Desiring her Sisters to be called, she told them, *She was glad to see them ;* and laying a While sweetly still, she awfully said, *She hoped they would always live in the Fear of the Lord, and never do any thing against their Consciences.*

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Being told her Uncle *Edmund Gurney*, said, That she was in a sweet Frame, and compared her to Mount *Sion*, that could not be moved ; she answered, *Then why does my Mother grieve so ?*

Her Father going one Morning into her Chamber, she desired him to come by her Bed-side, saying, *She was glad to see him, and that she thought herself not worse.* On his saying, He hoped her better Parent, her Heavenly Father, had been near to her that Night ; she answered, *Yes, that he has, and I hope near thee too.*

Two Days before her Decease, she earnestly prayed, *The Lord would be with her to the End, and give her Patience to the last ; and that, if he pleased, he would mercifully grant her an easy Passage, as her Uncle Edmund had prayed for on her Account.* She declared, *She was very willing to go, with many other comfortable Expressions.*

She was composed and easy in her Mind throughout her long and painful Illness, and never once expressed a Wish to live. She said, *She had many near and dear Relations to leave ; but she should not know the Pain of losing them.*

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Thus having shewn a steady Example of Faith, Patience, Resignation, and Heavenly Composure, in the Bloom of Youth, she departed the 19th of the First Month 1772. Aged fourteen Years and nine Months.

WILLIAM HUNT, of *New-Gordon* in the Province of *North Carolina* in *America*, was born in the Province of *Pennsylvania*; and by Accounts received he was first reached by Truth about the eighth Year of his Age, which continued to follow him from Time to Time, that when in Company with his Acquaintance, he has been often tendered and led to seek solitary Places to vent his Tears; altho' he then did not know what it was that so broke in upon his Spirit.

Being situated in a Part at that early Period of his Life, where no Religion prevailed, but the People lived rather dissolutely, he had no one to tell the Distress and Exercise of his Mind to (for his Mother dying when he was young, who he had been inform'd was a religious Woman, and his Father when he was about twelve, he was left quite alone.) But after some Time going to live with his Sister, and those tender Impressions continu-

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ing, the Lord in Mercy shewed him, *They were from the immediate Operation of his own Spirit, and that his Growth in Truth and Experience of its pure Virtue, lay in his being faithful to the Dictates thereof*; by which he was fitted for Service, even in very early Years, his Mouth being open'd in Testimony before he was fifteen Years of Age; and through the Heavenly Influence of the Spirit, he became an able Minister, rightly dividing the Word of Truth, to the great Comfort and Edification of the Church where his Lot was cast.

He was concern'd to travel in Truth's Service before his twentieth Year, and visited the Provinces of *Virginia* and *Maryland*; and afterwards in the Course of his *Christian* Progress, all the Provinces of *America*, and almost all the Meetings therein. And altho' he had a large Family, whose Subsistence much depended on his Industry and Care; yet, when he found the Requirings of Truth, and became fully satisfied thereof, he cheerfully gave up all into the Care of that Hand which drew him into Service, relying thereon for the Preservation of himself and all his, in every Dispensation of Providence, and which was mercifully afforded to him.

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In the Year 1771 he came to this Nation on a religious Visit, and travelled through most Parts of the North of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and after the Yearly-meeting 1772, he visited the general Quarterly-meetings at *Colchester*, *Woodbridge* and *Norwich*; soon after which he proceeded thro' *Lincolnshire* for *Hull*, whence with his Companion *Thomas Thornbrugh*, our Friend *Samuel Emlin*, jun. of *Philadelphia*, and *Morris Birkbeck*, he embarked for *Holland*; and after visiting the few Friends there, he embarked in a Vessel bound to *Scarborough*, but by contrary Winds landed at *Shields* the latter End of the Eighth Month, with a Dedication of Heart for further Service if required; but was soon after he landed taken ill of the *Small Pox*. In the Course of which Illness, his Mind was preserved perfectly calm, and his Patience and Fortitude were truly great, as was also his Resignation to Divine Disposal, signifying to his Companion, *That his coming there was providential, but that his Sickness was nigh unto Death, if not quite; for, says he, when I wait, I seem inclosed, I see no farther.*

To a Friend who remarked, That what ever Affliction we may be tried with, we may yet see Cause of Thankfulness, he replied, *Great Cause indeed, I never saw it*

clearer ; O the Wisdom, the Wisdom and Goodness, the Mercy and Kindness has appeared to me wonderful ! And the further and deeper we go, the more we wonder ; I have admired since I was cast on this Bed, that all the World does not seek after the Enjoyment of Truth, it so far transcends all other Things.

At another Time, to some Friends who came to see him, he said, *The Lord knows how I have loved you from our first Acquaintance, and longed for your Growth and Establishment in the blessed Truth, and I now feel the same renewed afresh ;* adding, *He much desired they might fill up their Places Providence intended, and lay up Treasure in Heaven ;* for, says he, *what would a thousand Worlds avail me now.* He also expressed his Satisfaction, *He had not spent his Time idly since he came to England, nor neglected one Meeting he could well attend, and that under so great a Load of bodily Affliction, what a Treasure a quiet Mind was.*

At another Time, he said with great Composure, *The Lord knows best, I am in his Hand, let him do what he will ;* and leaning on Morris Birkbeck, he said, *Dear Morris, I have a Request to make, which is, in Case I am suddenly taken away, do thou write to my dear Wife, and let her know all's well ; write also*

also to my Children, to improve the Hints I frequently gave for their Conduct while with them and since.

At another Time, a Day or two before his Death, he said to him, *This is a trying Time, but my Mind is above it all*; and it was observable that a sweet Melody was in his Heart when few Words were expressed.

A little before his Death, he said triumphantly, *Friends, Truth reigns over all*; and soon after quietly departed this Life, the 9th of the Ninth Month 1772, and was interred in Friends Burial-ground at *Newcastle upon Tyne* the 11th of the same. Aged thirty-nine, a Minister twenty-four Years.

ELIZABETH SMITH, of *Burlington in West-Jersey in America*, was one whose Deportment from a Child was composed and steady; frequently while others sought Recreation and Amusements Abroad she chose to be at Home, employing herself in the Business of the Family, or improving her Mind by some useful Application. As she grew up, *the Reproofs of Instruction* became the Way of Life to her, and she was governed by a meek and quiet Spirit; her Conversation

Conversation and Conduct seem'd to be almost one continued Example of Child like Simplicity and Innocence. Her Mother dying while she was young, the Care of her Father's Family devolved upon her for a considerable Time before his Death ; her Duty to him and Behaviour in general, gain'd the Love of a careful religious Parent, and a Blessing attended her, as her future Life manifested ; her Words were few, but savory and instructive ; she had a feeling Heart, and the Distressed were often relieved by her Charity ; happy in herself, she endeavour'd to make all about her so. She had a great Regard for the Holy Scriptures ; on taking up a Bible, she remarked to a particular Friend, what a Treasure it contained ; and sought to inculcate the Reading thereof, and to discourage the fashionable Books of the Times.

It was her Concern frequently to retire to wait on the Lord to know her Strength renew'd in him, and the Effects were visible by a chearful Serenity on her Countenance.

In her early Youth she was called to the Work of the Ministry, in which she deliver'd herself in a clear consistent Manner ; and it flowing from the right Spring, was often attended with good Effect. She was concern'd

cern'd to travel in the Exercise of her Gift as far to the Northward as *New-England*, and also to some of the Southern Provinces, and frequently to the Meetings about Home. But in her latter Time was greatly afflicted with a *Dropfical* Disorder, which subjected her to be tapped, by which she was so far relieved, that for several Years she had a better State of Health ; in which Interval she frequently attended Meetings for Worship and Discipline ; and the last Summer before her Death, though much enfeebled in Body, had often very acceptable Service in the Ministry, alive and strong in the best Sense, her Company was greatly satisfactory to Friends about her.

Her Disorder returning, she waited for her Change with a lively Hope ; and a Serenity of Mind attended her, being inwardly supported beyond mere human Attainment.

She uttered many Expressions during the Conflicts of her Illness, much to the Comfort and Satisfaction of those present. In solemn Supplication to the Almighty on her own Account, to be near and support her, she expressed herself in great Reverence to the following Effect : *Thou who art the God of my Life, who hast kept and fed me all my Life long, be now near and support by thy Presence,*
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and if it is thy Will to put an End to my Being here, I submit : Be graciously pleased to give me Rest in thy Mansion, with thy dear Son, the Lamb immaculate, for ever and ever.

She often said, *She had nothing to do but to bear her Pains with Patience.* Once in great Extremity of Pain, she remarked that she had reasoned, *Why am I so afflicted ? And had received this Answer in her Mind, My beloved Son, who never offended me, drank of the Cup before thee : Thus, said she, I am helped along with one kind Hint after another.* And she frequently expressed the Peace and Consolation she felt in those trying Moments, in having lived in the Fear of her Creator.

A Night or two before her Departure, she said, *She thought it easier for her to leave the World than for those who had Children to leave.* A near and intimate Friend replied, *There were many who loved her :* She said, *She did not know but it was so, and that Love would be consummated hereafter.* Towards the Conclusion, she said with great Tenderness of Spirit, *That she thought she was going ; and added, I would not have you be troubled, it is to Joy unspeakable and full of Glory.*

She

She died the 2d of the Tenth Month
1772. Aged about forty-eight Years.

Among other of her Writings she left the
following Epistle, which is thought meet to
be here inserted, *viz.*

*“ To the Quarterly and Monthly-meeting
“ of Women Friends, held at Bur-
“ lington and Chesterfield in West
“ New Jersey in America.*

“ Dearly beloved Friends,

“ I N a fresh Remembrance of the many
“ Seasons of Divine Favour, we have
“ been made Partakers of together, in these
“ Meetings appointed for transacting the
“ Affairs of the Church, does my Spirit
“ affectionately salute the Living : And not
“ expecting to have the like Opportunity
“ again, it rested with me to visit you after
“ this Manner, with fervent Desires for the
“ Prosperity of Truth and Righteousness in
“ general ; and in a particular Manner, I
“ have a Desire that our Sex may not fall
“ short in living up to the faithful Perform-
“ ance of their respective Duties, and dis-
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“ charging that Trust which the Lord has
 “ committed to them honestly, as in his
 “ Sight. And for this great good End, I
 “ tenderly beseech you all, both Elder and
 “ Younger, that have known and may
 “ know the Master’s Will concerning you,
 “ that you may be obedient. Let not
 “ reasoning with Flesh and Blood, or plead-
 “ ing Excuses be Cause of Unfitness (as you
 “ may think) prevail, and bear with me, if
 “ I observe where that is the Case, Dwarfish-
 “ ness and Weakness will be the Consequence,
 “ and the best Life is in Danger of being
 “ quite lost, as it may with Sorrow be
 “ remarked of some who profess with us,
 “ that a Name to live and be accounted as
 “ wise Virgins has seem’d to suffice, whose
 “ Case I have often lamented; and it is the
 “ ardent Prayer of my Soul for such, while
 “ I am writing this, that they may awake
 “ to Righteousness, and diligently attend to
 “ the Teachings of the Spirit of the Lord,
 “ who will not fail to fit and qualify for
 “ every good Word and Work : And satis-
 “ fied I am, as that becomes the principal
 “ Concern of Individuals, the Cause of com-
 “ plaining of Misconduct would be much
 “ removed, and our Zion would more
 “ conspicuously shine, and there would be
 “ none found within her Walls barren or
 “ unfruitful in the saving Knowledge of
 “ God ;

“ God ; but that the ancient Promise made
 “ to *Israel* will remain to be the Portion of
 “ his People for ever, *That he would be as*
 “ *the Dew of Hermon, and as the Dew that*
 “ *descended upon the Mountains of Zion,*
 “ *for there the Lord commanded the Blessing,*
 “ *even Life for evermore,* Pl. cxxxiii. 3.

“ And my dear young Friends, with
 “ Love unfeigned do I affectionately salute
 “ you, whose Company in these Meetings I
 “ have been glad of ; and I would encourage
 “ all who have a Right to Membership, to
 “ the steady Attendance of them at the set
 “ Time, as often as you can while Health
 “ permits ; we are by Nature very short
 “ sighted, and know not when the Times
 “ of Refreshment may come from the Pre-
 “ sence of the Lord ; and therefore it's good
 “ for us to endeavour patiently to wait and
 “ quietly to hope for his Salvation, which
 “ I fully believe he is about to reveal in
 “ your Hearts ; and if you are faithful to
 “ the Discoveries of Divine Grace, your
 “ Understandings will be more and more
 “ opened in the Mysteries of God's King-
 “ dom, even that which was hid from Ages
 “ and Generations, and as the Apostle testi-
 “ fies, is now revealed by the Spirit of the
 “ dear Son of God, our Holy Advocate
 “ with the Father.

“ I have hinted above and hope shall die
 “ in the Faith of it, that the Lord will form
 “ a People to himself, that shall shew forth
 “ his Praise, and will yet beautify the House
 “ of his Glory ; under this Prospect my
 “ Spirit is at Times deeply bowed in Inter-
 “ cession for the Descendants of faithful
 “ Friends, that they may not render them-
 “ selves unworthy of so great a Mercy, and
 “ other especial Favours that they are blessed
 “ with beyond many ; but that they may
 “ not only be the called, but chosen of the
 “ Lord. Now in a Degree of my Hea-
 “ venly Father’s Love, do I affectionately
 “ bid you farewell, desiring that Grace,
 “ Mercy and Peace may be multiplied in
 “ and amongst you, and conclude your true
 “ Friend,

“ ELIZABETH SMITH.

“ Burlington, the 30th of the
 “ Third Month 1772.”

PRISCILLA

PRISCILLA GURNEY,
 Wife of *Edmund Gurney*, of *Norwich*,
 was seized the — of the Sixth Month 1772,
 with a Bleeding from the *Lungs*, which to
 her appeared likely to end her Days speedily.
 She laid quiet, and said calmly, *She had not*
any thing criminal in outward Things on her
Mind, and she hoped in the Mercy of God.

For many Weeks there seemed some flattering Symptoms, she said not much about them, but appear'd to be under a secret Exercise of Mind. As her Husband was sitting by her one Forenoon, she, in a very solid humble Frame of Spirit, spake to this Effect: *My dear, God is good indeed, a Father of tender Mercies. I feel his Mercy renewed to me. I shall die of this Illness; but I shall be happy, and I am quite willing to go. When I was visited with the Truth, I had as it were an Offer made me of a rich Seat in the Kingdom of Heaven; but O the World has been too much for me! And many have been my bitter Baptisms for Disobedience; and yet, O thou merciful Father! thou hast forgiven me, and I shall have a Mansion with thee to Eternity.*

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Many, very many, were the comfortable Expressions that she utter'd upon various Occasions. One Evening on her Husband taking leave of her, she said sweetly, *I have an afflicted Body, but an easy Mind*; and she frequently exprest her perfect Resignation to her Heavenly Father's Will, who might justly be said to be long-suffering and forbearing to her, tho' very unworthy; but she had loved and served him in some degree, and further said, *If it was his Will to spare her Life and to require it of her, she would acknowledge him in the Congregations of his People, or in any other Way he pleased.*

When her three Brothers came from London to see her, observing one of them to be much tendered and affected, she desired, *They would not grieve for her but for themselves, that they might experience the same Comfort when the same awful Visitation might be theirs, as it certainly in a little Time would be*: Or to the same Import.

The second Visit her Father paid her in this Illness, she exprest herself thus: *Dear Father, I have always loved thee, no Child could love a Parent more than I have loved thee*; and after some Pause, *dear Father, I have been enabled to pray fervently to the Almighty for an easy Passage, and that I might*
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have a small Mansion in the Kingdom ; and, O Father ! there never can be a stronger Proof of the Holy Spirit, for the Answer was as if it was an outward Voice, Thou shalt enter into a full Fruition of Joy.

The Divine Mercy of God was indeed richly extended to her throughout her whole Illness, and was her Stay and Support, by which, although her Sufferings were great, her Patience and Meekness were wonderful. Such a Calmness and Composure covered her Mind, that she disposed all her Affairs, and directed Things to be done after her Decease, without any visible Discomposure to herself. She lay many Weeks wishing for her Dissolution, and when she thought her Husband too anxious for her, she would say, *I desire thee not to grieve for me. It would be cruel to desire my Continuance in this Affliction, as all will be well with me.*

The last Day of her Life, as he was sitting by her as usual, she desired every Body to leave the Room but him and the young Woman that attended her ; and after a Pause of Quietness, she uttered such Expressions as these : *My Dear, it has for some Time been a close trying Season to me. Many deep Conflicts have I passed through, and that Heavenly Peace I felt in Weeks past has much left me ;*
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but yet I have a little Hope I shall have a Mansion in the Kingdom. In Reply to this State of deep Probation, her Husband spoke a little to her as Matter came before him, and she was very calm and humble, and after a considerable Time in Silence she called him again to her, and said, How gracious and merciful is God! I think I now see the Seat I was first offered in my Heavenly Father's House, and I feel an Assurance I shall have it. This Affliction has been a great Refinement to my poor Mind. My Heavenly Father's Arms are open to receive me, and I die rejoicing.

After this unutterable Favour she laid very quiet, and in Divine Sweetness fell into a Dose. When she awoke she expressed her Fears lest she should have a hard Passage, wishing it might be otherwise, and seemed revived. The Family were ordered to go to Bed (it being about Nine in the Evening) except a Friend and *Elizabeth Parkinson* the young Woman who waited on her, who, with her Husband sat quietly by her; and about Ten o' Clock, without any visible Alteration to them, she departed, having had her Desire granted, and no doubt is entered into everlasting Felicity.

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She died the 4th of the Tenth Month 1772, in the thirty-fifth Year of her Age, and was interred in Friends Burying-ground at *Norwich* the 11th Day of the same Month.

J O H N W O O L M A N, of the Province of *West-Jersey* in *America*, was born at *Northampton* in that Province, of Parents professing with Friends, who had a tender Care over him; and being good Examples themselves, promoted every Appearance of Good in him.

About the seventh Year of his Age, he became acquainted with the Operations of Divine Love in his Heart, and as he went from School one Seventh-day, whilst his Companions were at play he went forwards out of Sight, and setting himself down read the 22d Chapter of the *Revelations*: *He shewed me a River of Water, clear as Chrystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and the Lamb, &c.* in reading of which, his Mind was drawn to seek after that pure Habitation which he then believed God had prepared for his Servants: The Place where he sat, and the Sweetness that attended his Mind, remained fresh in his Memory for many Years afterwards. This and the like

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gracious Visitation had such an Effect upon him, that when he heard Boys make Use of ill Language it troubled him, and through the continued Mercies of God, he experienced Preservation from it himself ; and the pious Instruction of his Parents would recur fresh in his Mind when he happened to be among wicked Children, which was of Use to him. His Parents, who had a large Family of Children, frequently on the First-day of the Week after Meeting, employ'd them in reading the Scriptures or other good Books, one after the other, the rest sitting by for Instruction.

In some Memoirs left behind, he records this as a good Practice, and worthy of Imitation by those who are entrusted with the Care of Children. Thus in his very young Years, through the Renewings of Divine Love on his tender Mind, he was preserved from many Snares incident to Youth, until he had attain'd about the sixteenth Year of his Age, when as appears by his own Account, through Unwatchfulness he suffered his Mind to be carried away by a Love of improper Company, and tho' preserved from profane Language or scandalous Conduct, there was still a Plant alive which brought forth wild Grapes ; and though at Times he was brought seriously to consider
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his Ways, which affected his Mind with Sorrow, yet by an Inattention to these Reproofs of Instruction, Vanity was added to Vanity, and Repentance to Repentance, and his Mind became alienated from the Truth and hasted towards Destruction; "Whilst," says he, in his Memoirs, "I meditate on the Gulf towards which I travelled, and reflect on my youthful Disobedience, mine Eyes run down with Water." Nevertheless, afterward his Mind became more estranged from the Enjoyment of real Good, and he ran greater Lengths in Vanity, until it pleased the Lord to visit him with Sicknefs, which appear'd to be nigh unto Death; in which State, Darkness, Horror and Amazement seized his Mind, and he thought it would have been better for him never to have had a Being in this World, than to see such a Day of Confusion, and Affliction of Body and Mind; herein he bewailed himself, and Cries ascended to an offended God, who in his Mercy at length heard him, and that Word which is as a Fire and a Hammer, broke and dissolved his rebellious Heart into a State of Contrition, which was succeeded with inward Consolation and Desires, *That if the Lord would be pleased to restore his Health, he might walk humbly before him.* And though the first Part of his Desire was granted, he again relapsed into Folly and Vanity; of one

Instance thereof take his own Account, *viz.*
 “ I remember once having spent a Part of
 “ the Day in Wantonness, as I went to Bed
 “ at Night there lay in a Window near my
 “ Bed a Bible, which I opened and first cast
 “ my Eye on the Text, *We lie down in our*
 “ *Shame and our Confusion covers us* ; this I
 “ knew to be my Case, and meeting with
 “ so unexpected a Reproof, I was somewhat
 “ affected by it, and went to Bed under
 “ Remorse of Conscience, which I soon cast
 “ off again.” But at length through the
 powerful Operation of Divine Love, he was
 enabled to take up the Cross, and lived a
 very retired religious Life, until it pleased
 the great Author of our Beings, about the
 twenty-second Year of his Age, to commit
 to him a Dispensation of the Gospel-Ministry ;
 and through Faithfulness thereto, he witnessed
 an Increase of those Talents committed to his
 Care, and visited most of the *American* Pro-
 vinces at different Times : And about the
 Year 1763, during the *Indian* War, he
 travelled about two Hundred Miles into the
 back Parts of *Pennsylvania* (though attended
 with great Fatigue of Body and Danger of
 his Life) in order to pay a religious Visit to
 an *Indian* Settlement there, which was fa-
 vourably received by the Natives, and doubt-
 less was attended with Peace to his own Mind,
 as he found many of them susceptible of
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Divine Impressions. And also he was for many Years deeply exercised on Behalf of the poor enslaved *Africans*, and both by Word and Writing, endeavour'd to convince Mankind of that unrighteous Traffick and Injustice of keeping them in Slavery.

In the Year 1772, with the Concurrence and Unity of his Brethren, he came over to this Nation to visit Friends here, and landed in *London* about the 8th of the Sixth Month, and the Yearly-meeting being then sitting, he attended that Meeting, in the Course of which he had to drop divers weighty and instructive Remarks; but his Mind being drawn towards the North, he soon departed from this City, and by the Way of *Hertford, Buckinghamshire, Northampton* and *Banbury* Quarterly-meetings, he proceeded to the Quarterly-meeting at *York*, where after having attended most of the Sittings thereof, he was taken ill of the *Small Pox*, in which Disorder he continued about two Weeks, at Times under great Affliction of Body, and then departed in full Assurance of a happy Eternity, as the following Expressions, amongst others, taken from his own Mouth, do plainly evidence.

One Day being asked how he felt himself, he meekly answered, *I don't know that I have slept*

slept this Night : I feel the Disorder making its Progress, but my Mind is mercifully preserved in Stillness and Peace. Some Time after he said, He was sensible the Pains of Death must be hard to bear, but if he escaped them now, he must some Time pass through them, and did not know he could be better prepared, but had no Will in it. Said, He had settled his outward Affairs to his Mind ; had taken leave of his Wife and Family, as never to return, leaving them to the Divine Protection ; adding, and though I feel them near to me at this Time, yet I freely give them up, having an Hope they will be provided for. And a little after said, This Trial is made easier than I could have thought, by my Will being wholly taken away ; for if I was anxious as to the Event, it would be harder, but I am not, and my Mind enjoys a perfect Calm.

In the Night a young Woman having given him something to drink, he said, *My Child, thou seemest very kind to me, a poor Creature, the Lord will reward thee for it. A while after he cried out with great Earnestness of Spirit, O my Father ! my Father ! how comfortable art thou to my Soul in this trying Season. Being asked if he could take a little Nourishment, after some Pause he replied, My Child, I cannot tell what to say*

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to it ; I seem nearly arrived where my Soul shall have Rest from all its Troubles. After giving in something to be put into his Journal, he said, I believe the Lord will now excuse me from Exercises of this Kind, and I see no Work but one, which is to be the last wrought by me in this World ; the Messenger will come that will release me from all these Troubles, but it must be in the Lord's Time, which I am waiting for. He said, He had laboured to do whatever was required, according to the Ability received, in the Remembrance of which he had Peace. And though the Disorder was strong at Times, and would come over his Mind like a Whirlwind, yet it had hitherto been kept steady, and center'd in everlasting Love ; adding, and if that's mercifully continued, I ask nor desire no more.

At another Time he said, He had long had a View of visiting this Nation ; and some Time before he came, he had a Dream, in which he saw himself in the Northern Parts of it ; and that the Spring of the Gospel was opened in him, much as in the Beginning of Friends, such as George Fox and William Dewsbury ; and he saw the different States of People as clear as ever he had seen Flowers in a Garden ; but in his going on he was suddenly stopt, though he could not see for what End, but looked towards Home, and in
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that fell into a Flood of Tears, which waked him.

At another Time he said, *My Draught seem'd strongest to the North, and I mentioned in my own Monthly-meeting, that attending the Quarterly-meeting at York, and being there, looked like Home to me.*

Having repeatedly consented to take a Medicine with a View to settle his Stomach, but without Effect, the Friend then waiting on him, said, through Distress, *What shall I do now?* He answered with great Composure, *Rejoice evermore, and in every Thing give Thanks:* But added a little after, *This is sometimes hard to come at.*

One Morning early he brake forth in Supplication on this wise: *O Lord! it was thy Power that enabled me to forsake Sin in my Youth, and I have felt thy Bruises since for Disobedience, but as I bowed under them thou healedst me; and though I have gone through many Trials and sore Afflictions, thou hast been with me, continuing a Father and a Friend: I feel thy Power now, and beg that in the approaching trying Moments, thou wilt keep my Heart stedfast unto thee.* Upon his giving the same Friend Directions concerning some little Matters, she said, *I will take*
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Care, but hope thou mayst live to order them thyself; he replied, *My Hope is in Christ; and though I may now seem a little better, a Change in the Disorder may soon happen, and my little Strength be dissolved, and if it so happen, I shall be gather'd to my everlasting Rest.* On her saying, She did not doubt that, but could not help mourning to see so many faithful Servants removed at so low a Time; he said, *All Goodness cometh from the Lord, whose Power is the same, and he can work as he sees best.* The same Day, after giving her Directions about wrapping his Corps, and perceiving her to weep, he said, *I had rather thou wouldst guard against Weeping or Sorrowing for me, my Sister; I sorrow not, though I have had some painful Conflicts; but now they seem over, and Matters all settled; and I look at the Face of my dear Redeemer, for sweet is his Voice, and his Countenance comely.*

Being very weak, and in general difficult to be understood, he uttered a few Words in Commemoration of the Lord's Goodness to him; and added, *How tenderly have I been waited upon in this Time of Affliction, in which I may say in Job's Words, Tedious Days and wearisome Nights are appointed unto me; and how many are spending their Time and Money in Vanity and Superfluities, while*

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Thousands and Tens of Thousands want the Necessaries of Life, who might be relieved by them, and their Distresses at such a Time as this, in some degree softened by the administering of suitable Things.

An Apothecary who attended him of his own Accord (he being unwilling to have any sent for) appeared very anxious to assist him, with whom conversing, he queried about the Probability of such a Load of Matter being thrown off his weak Body, and the Apothecary making some Remarks, implying he thought it might, he spoke with an audible Voice on this wise: *My Dependance is in the Lord Jesus Christ, who I trust will forgive my Sins, which is all I hope for; and if it be his Will to raise up this Body again, I am content, and if to die I am resigned: And if thou canst not be easy without trying to assist Nature, in order to lengthen out my Life, I submit.* After this, his Throat was so much affected, that it was very difficult for him to speak so as to be understood, and he frequently wrote when he wanted anything. About the second Hour on Fourth-day Morning, being the 7th of the Tenth Month, 1772, he asked for Pen and Ink, and at several Times, with much Difficulty, wrote thus: “ I believe my being here is in the Wisdom of Christ; I know not as to
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“Life or Death.” About a Quarter before Six the same Morning, he seemed to fall into an easy Sleep, which continued about half an Hour, when seeming to awake, he breathed a few Times with more Difficulty, and so expired without Sigh, Groan, or Struggle.

Note, He often said, It was hid from him, whether he might recover, or not, and he was not desirous to know it ; but from his own Feeling of the Disorder, and his feeble Constitution, thought he should not.

WILLIAM YOUNG, Son of William Young, of Leominster in the County of Hereford, and Hannah his Wife, she being deceased, was in his Childhood of a sweet and sprightly natural Temper, and altho’ of a tender Frame, seemed healthy, until he contracted a Cold, which at length brought on a *Consumption*.

In the Course of his Affliction his Deportment was grave, and as he grew worse, he became more thoughtful, and made many sensible Remarks of the Uncertainty of visible Things ; and expressed a grateful Sense of the Kindness of Providence many Ways,

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and particularly in the Visits and good Advice he received from Friends ; for although he had been preserved in a more innocent Conduct than most young Men of his Age, he knew that would not intitle him to the Felicity of the Redeemed, and was therefore earnestly desirous of attaining such a State of inward Purity and Renovation of Heart as would procure Divine Favour ; and on this Account had many painful Conflicts : And when his Recovery was thought doubtful, often lamented his having lost that Tenderness and Fervency of Spirit towards God which he had formerly experienced.

For many Weeks before his Death he was apprehensive of his End being near, and said, *If I die now in my Youth, it may be all for the best, and may put other young People upon the Consideration of their Latter-end ;* and on his Father's saying, It would be well for us to be resigned to the Divine Will, but intimating a Reluctancy to part, he replied with much Earnestness, *Aye, do be resigned, let us all be resigned ;* and frequently expressed a Desire to be resigned either to Life or Death ; but said, *If it pleased the Lord to fit him for his Change, and take him from the slippery Paths of Life at so early a Period, he should think it a Favour ; for he had no Desire to live except it was to the Glory of his Creator.*

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He several Times shewed great Concern at hearing of the disorderly Walking of some amongst us, and a deep Sense of the wonderful Goodness and Condescension of Christ in suffering for Mankind.

Some Weeks before his Death, observing his Sister weep, he said, *We must part, I must leave you ; but I hope and believe we shall meet again.*

The 2d of the First Month he was very ill, and seeing his Father affected, he said, *O Father, what a Mercy it will be if the Lord should be pleased to take me to himself ! Do not grieve, for if I should be spared and turn out naught, it would be a greater Affliction.*

The next Morning, after having had a very bad Night, he was weak and low, but appeared quite calm in Mind ; and on his Sister's saying after some other Conversation, She hoped he was resigned ; he replied with much Sweetness, *Yes Sister, I hope I am quite resigned to the Almighty's Will ; but surely if it is his Will, it will be a Mercy to be taken from this troublesome World to himself ; and I have a Hope he will take me to himself, he hath been pleased wonderfully to calm my Mind.* She observed, There was great Room to hope,

hope, and that the Sufferings of his Friends would be greatest ; he replied very earnestly, *O my Sufferings will be nothing in Proportion to my Offences ! but I have a Hope my Offences will be forgiven. O how merciful is the Lord ! How great is his Goodness ! How pure is his Love ! Mercy, Goodness, Purity, belong to him.* After seeing his Sister much affected at what he said, he continued, *We cannot tell Sister, some worse than me have been restored, he is able to raise me up, and if he should, and make me some Sort of a Member* (meaning of his Church Militant) *I hope I shall be careful to keep near to him ; but I desire not to live, no not a Moment, as one of this World.*

That Night he was so weak those about him were apprehensive he could not continue long ; the next Day he seemed pretty free from Pain, but drowsy, and his Expressions rambling, but quite innocent ; indeed his Countenance and Conversation was sweet and lamb-like. The next Morning he desired to be put to Bed, being in great Pain, but could not rest there ; and being replaced in the easy Chair and same Posture he had lain for many Nights, seemed much easier, and told his Sister, *He was going ;* she said, She hoped to a better Inheritance, he replied, *Aye, for I believe in one that can save me ;*
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and repeatedly said, *The-Fear of Death was taken away.* And a Day or two before his Death, he said, *I am going to leave an affectionate Father to meet the great Almighty Father.*

Another Time, his Sister saying, It was a Favour he was preserved so patient, he said, *I hope I shall be kept so, I am under the Lord's Care intirely; nothing else will do, I see nothing else will do.* The same Day he uttered many sweet and lively Expressions, but his Voice was too low to be understood, so as to connect the Sentences; and the Day before his Decease, it was so weak and broken, that he could scarcely articulate a Sentence; but was meek and patient as a Lamb, and once said something about rejoicing in the House of God, and when he could no otherwise express himself, would reach up to kiss his Father and Sister, his Heart being full of Love; when asked, If he would have any thing to his eldest Sister then in Cornwall? He said, *Nothing but my Love, or dear Love;* adding, *In that Love I feel for all.* He frequently desired them about him not to grieve, and would sometimes say, *Why, if you think I am going well, should you grieve;* and observed, *That if he had brought on his Illness by any bad Course of Life, it would be hard to bear;* but, added, *I believe*

I believe have no Reason to think I have. He took a most affectionate leave of his Sister, bidding her, *Love and adore the Lord*; and said something about his Father, which could not be understood; his Father then telling him, He hoped there was a Place prepared for him amongst the Blessed, and that he loved to be with the Good, he replied as well as he was able, *Aye, dearly, dearly.* And in about two Hours after, departed so quietly that those present apprehended him fallen asleep, on the 7th Day of the First Month 1773, in the nineteenth Year of his Age.

HANNAH DUDLEY, late Wife of *Robert Dudley*, of *Clonmell* in *Ireland*, was born at *Woodbridge* in *Suffolk*, and religiously educated, which was blessed to her; and through the prevailing Power of Divine Love, she was brought to know a State of Submission to divers near Trials which fell to her Lot; and having her Heart wean'd from the World and its delusive Profits and Friendships, she became more and more refined, being an Example of Humility, Plainness and Self-denial.

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About the Year 1772 some Symptoms of a *Consumption* appear'd, but for some Time she attended Meetings, both for Worship and Discipline, in some of which she was enabled to bear a living Testimony to the Truth.

In the Course of her Illness many Friends visited her, to whom she was enabled to drop some tender Expressions, and it seemed to be her greatest Joy to see and hear of the Prosperity of Truth; and at divers Opportunities she had suitable Counsel and Instruction to give to those about her.

About a Week before her Departure, our Friend *Robert Willis*, of *West-Jersey* in *America*, being in the Course of his religious Visit at her House, had a comfortable and tendering Opportunity with her, her Husband and Sister.

About two Days before her Decease, she dropt much excellent Counsel and Advice to her Husband and Sister, expressing, *Her Desire to be released*; but added, *Her Hope she should be preserved patient to the End*; and afterwards on some Mitigation of her Pain, signified, *Her intire Resignation to the Divine Will*; and speaking to her Husband's eldest Son, in a very weighty Manner ad-

vised him, *To remember her Admonitions ; saying also, Shun bad Company, obey thy Parent, and do not offend him ; seek the Lord and he will be found of thee, but if thou forsake him he will cast thee off for ever.*

To their Apprentice, she said, *Jemmy, love Plainness and continue in it, for Truth leads to Plainness ; thou hast been favour'd with an Education beyond many, therefore prize it, and hast known Truth, therefore beware of trampling on the Testimony, but be circumspect in all thy Ways and Conduct ; thou art just entering on the slippery Part of Life, the slippery Paths of Youth, and art no Stranger to the Temptations and Allurements of the Adversary : I have often thought it a great Mercy, that thou hast been preserved from (I believe) almost any Vice. Just after, she very affectionately took her leave of her Brother and Sister-in-Law, saying, *Our Acquaintance has been short, but we have loved one another ; and then prayed very fervently that a Blessing might rest upon their Family.**

Being pressed to try and take a little Sleep, she replied, *O that I could sleep in the Arms of my Beloved ! And with great Fervency prayed, O Lord God have Mercy upon me ! and let thy compassionate Ear be opened. Lord God*

God Almighty! send the guardian Angel of thy Presence to conduct my Spirit. After which she lay in great Peace and Serenity of Mind, growing weaker and weaker, yet sensible to the last, and with her Hand closed in her Husband's, departed without Sigh or Groan, as one falling into a sweet Sleep, the 25th of the First Month 1773. Aged about forty-seven Years, a Minister about nine Years. After a very large and solemn Meeting her Body was decently interred, the 29th, in Friends Burial-ground in *Clonmell* aforesaid.

SAMUEL FOTHERGILL, of *Warrington* in *Lancashire*, was the sixth Son of our worthy ancient Friend *John Fothergill*, mentioned in this Treatise, see Page 29, and of *Margaret* his Wife, for an Account of whom see Volume the sixth, Page 90, of *Piety Promoted*.

This their Son being of an active and lively Disposition, and during his Apprenticeship mostly from under the watchful Eye of his affectionate Parent, he fled from the Holy Cross of Christ, and indulged himself in the Gratifications of Folly and Licentiousness, violating the repeated Convictions of Divine Grace in his own Mind, which had

been mercifully extended from his early Years, thereby wounding the Soul of his tender Father (of whose religious Care to form and lead the tender Minds of his Children to Piety and Virtue we have an Account in the Memoirs of his Life;) yet his pious Admonitions proved nevertheless, as Bread cast on the Waters, which return'd after many Days; for about the twenty-first Year of his Age, the Visitation of Divine Love was so powerfully renewed, that it proved effectual to turn his Steps out of the Paths of Vanity; and as he has expressed, with humble and awful Gratitude to the Preserver of Men, *It then appeared clear to his Understanding, that would be the last Call the Heavenly Father would favour him with*; he therefore consulted no longer with Flesh and Blood, but gave up to the Holy Visitation, devoting his whole Heart and Affections to seek Reconciliation with God, through the Mediation of Jesus Christ; and abiding in great Humility under the purifying Operation of the Holy Ghost and Fire, he became thereby qualified for those eminent Services he was called into; for in a few Months, by the constraining Power and Love of God, his Mouth was opened to bear a Testimony to the Sufficiency of that Holy Arm that had plucked him as a Brand out of the Fire: Thus a Dispensation of the Ministry being committed

committed to his Charge, he attended faithfully thereto, and moved therein at the Requirings, and under the Direction of Divine Wisdom, by which Means he soon became an able Minister of the Gospel, called thereto and qualified by the Holy Ghost ; under which Influence he laboured with Diligence, and devoted much of his Time and Strength, when Health permitted, to the Service of his dear Lord and Master ; for the Continuance of whose Favours he counted nothing too near or dear to part with, that he might be instrumental in gathering Souls to God, which was the Object he had in View in all his Gospel-Labours ; being diligent himself, he endeavoured much to excite Friends to a due and constant Attendance of Meetings for religious Worship, and those for the Discipline of the Church.

Thro' the Course of his Gospel-Labours, both in Publick and Private, animated by Divine Love, he expressed an uncommon Warmth of Affection for the rising Youth of this Generation, with whom he was frequently led into a deep brotherly Feeling and Sympathy for their present and eternal Welfare ; under which Concern his Love to this Class of both Sexes, under all Denominations, was strong and ardent.

He travelled much in this Nation and *Scotland*, several Times in *Ireland*, and once through most of the *North-American Colonies*, in the Service of Truth ; where, tho' singularly humbled in a Sense of Poverty, Weakness and Insufficiency on his first landing, he was by Accounts received, marvelously strengthened, both in Publick and Private, in Gospel-Authority and Love, to the awakening and comforting of many.

In the fore Part of the Year 1769, he visited most of the Families of Friends in the Monthly-meeting of *Grace-church-street, London* ; in which Service he was divinely strengthened and enabled to extend a helping Hand to many in close and necessary Labour, for their increasing Care, to live and act consistent with our Holy Profession, to the Comfort and Help of divers, and his own Peace ; and afterwards, at two different Opportunities, he visited the Families of Friends in *Horslydown* and *Westminster* Monthly-meetings in that City, to the same good Effect.

He mostly attended the Yearly-meetings in *London*, and other Places, when of bodily Ability ; in which his Gospel-Labours were very acceptable and edifying ; being particularly careful when called from Home, to return to his Family and Friends with as
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much Expedition as the Nature of his Service would admit.

Having acquired a moderate Competency by his Diligence and Industry, he declined Trade for several Years before his Decease, devoting his Time and Talents to the Service of the Churches. As a Pillar in the Lord's House he was steadfast, being actuated by a *Christian* and manly Zeal ; in Deportment grave ; his private Conversation was savory and edifying, corresponding with his Ministry, which at Times went forth as a Flame, piercing the Obdurate, yet descended like Dew upon the tender Plants of our Heavenly Father's planting, the true Mourners in Zion, with these he travelled in a deep Sympathy of Spirit ; in his Gospel-Labours free from Affectation, in Doctrine clear, sound and pathetic, filled with Charity, allowing for the Prejudices of Mankind, being indeed a Minister and Elder worthy of double Honour, speaking whereof he knew, and what his own Hands had handled of the good Word of Life.

He endured a long and painful Illness with much Patience and Resignation, and towards the Close of his Time expressed himself to some of his Relations, when they took leave of him, previous to their setting out for the
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Yearly-meeting in *London*, to the following Effect :

Our Health is no more at our Command, than Length of Days :—Mine seems drawing fast towards a Conclusion ;—but I am content with every Allotment of Providence, for they are all in Wisdom,—unerring Wisdom.

There is ONE THING which as an Arm underneath, bears up and supports ; and tho' the rolling tempestuous Billows surround, yet my Head is kept above them, and my Feet are firmly established.—O ! seek it,—press after it,—lay fast Hold of it.

Tho' painful my Nights, and wearisome my Days, yet I am preserved in Patience and Resignation.—Death has no Terrors, nor will the Grave have any Victory.—My Soul triumphs over Death, Hell and the Grave.

Husbands and Wives, Parents and Children, Health and Riches, must all go.—Disappointment is another Name for them.

I should have been thankful had I been able to have got to the ensuing Yearly-meeting in London, which you are now going to attend, where I have been so often refreshed with my Brethren ; but it is otherwise allotted.—I shall

shall remember them, and some of them will remember me.—The Lord knows best what is best for us ; I am content and resigned to his Will.

I feel a Foretaste of that Joy that is to come ; — and who would wish to change such a State of Mind ?

I should be glad if an easy Channel could be found to inform the Yearly-meeting, that as I have lived, so I shall close, with the most unshaken Assurance, that we have not followed cunningly devised Fables, but the pure, living eternal Substance.

Let the Aged be strong, let the Middle-aged be animated, and the Youth encouraged ; for the Lord is still with Sion ; the Lord will bless Sion.

If I be now removed out of his Church Militant, where I have endeavoured in some Measure to fill up my Duty, I have an EVIDENCE that I shall gain an Admittance into his glorious Church Triumphant, far above the Heavens.

My dear Love is to all them that love the Lord Jesus.

He departed this Life at his House in *Warrington* the 15th, and was buried the 19th Day of the Sixth Month 1772, at *Penbeth*, in the fifty-seventh Year of his Age, and the thirty-sixth of his Ministry.

AN D now, READER, before thou close the Book, pause a little, consider, what Progress thou has made in this Heavenly Race. The Prophet *Isaiab*, after describing the Coming of Christ, and very emphatically setting forth his Office, the peaceable Government of his Power, and its glorious Effects upon his Followers, in Chap. xi. in the next Chapter declares what the Faithful experience: *And in that Day thou shalt say, O Lord! I will praise thee; tho' thou was angry with me, thine Anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my Salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my Strength, and my Song, he also is become my Salvation, Isaiah xii. 1, 2.*

The same living Divine Power, the same inexhaustible Source of Wisdom and Goodness remains. The Enjoyments of Time are transient, its Pleasures are delusive; let therefore all trust in his Arm, this is the Strength and

and Beauty of Men ; their alone Help and Dependance is here, in all their Exercises through Time, that when they come to close, as has been the Case with the Just in all Generations, in Effect, to declare, *Behold God is my Salvation, I will trust and not be afraid ; for the Lord Jehovah is my Strength and my Song, he also is become my Salvation.*



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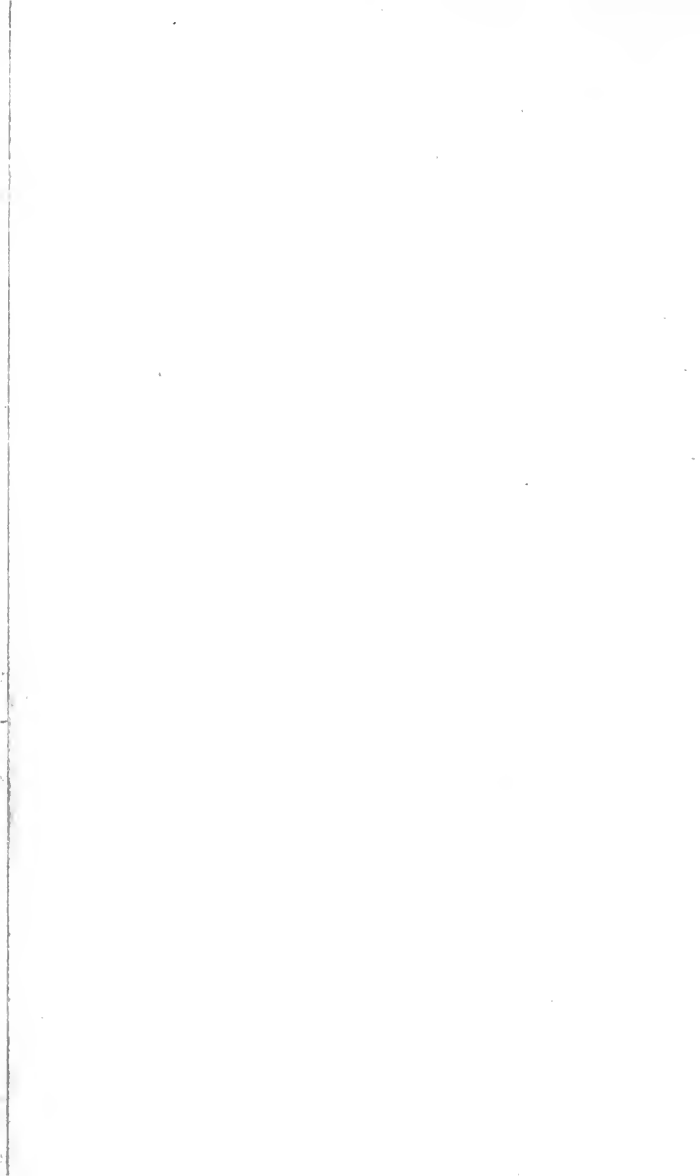
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